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Yanzi visits PLO headquarters in Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Japan's Deputy Foreign Minister Shunji Yanai visited the Palestine Liberation Organisamon's (PLO) unofficial headquarters in East Jerusalem on Sunday. despite Israeli opposition to such visits. Yanai held an hour-long meeting at the Orient House with Faisal Husseini, who is in charge of the Jerusalem issue for the Palestinian self-rule authority, a PLO official said. The deputy foreign minister also met with six other Palestinian officials from various political groups, the official said. Mr. Yanai is accompanying Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, who arrived here Saturday on the first visit by a Japanese head of government to the Jewish state (see Inside). The Orient House is officially the headquarters of the Palestinian delegation to peace talks with Israel and at multilateral Middle East negotiations which Japan participates in. Israel, which has beaned any political activity by the PLO in East Jerusalem the Jerusalem issue for the Palestinian self-rule authority, a banned any political activity by the PLO in East Jerusalem, opposes visits by foreign ministers to the Orient House but turns a blind eye to lower ranking officials. On Saturday, South African Roreign Minister Alfred Nzo visited the Orient House despite Israeli, objections. الأنجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الأردنية ،الرأي،

Court refuses appeal by Brotherhood

CAIRO (AFP) — An Egyptian court on Sunday refused to rule on an appeal to stop the military trial of 49 members of the fundamentalist group Muslim Brotherhood, legal sources said. An Islamist lawyer, Abdul Halim Ramadan, brought the suit against the decision by President Hosni Mubarak to put the men before a military court, arguing that the charges did not ment an army trial. But the court for emergency matters ruled it was unqualified to judge the suit and ordered it put before a court for administration affairs, the sources said. Defence lawyers of the 49 have raised a separate appeal against the trial, which will be heard by the ministrative court on Oct. 3. If the case is won, the trial could be ordered moved to a civilian court, legal sources said. The trial began on Saturday, and they are accused of directing an "illegal organisation aiming at impeding the rule of law and constitution."

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Sharif Zeid rejects deputies' charges, affirms firm commitment to democracy

By Tareq Momani and a Jordan Times Staff

Amman- A Lower House of Parliament Committee Sunday actused the executive authoriby: of suppressing public freedoms and violating the rights of citizens but government strongly rejected the charges and stressed that it remains committed to democracy.

The Public Freedoms and Citizens Rights Committee accused the government of withdrawing citizens' fiveyear passports and replacing them with two-year passports as well as making arbitrary arrests and banning public meetings.

The charges were made in a report that the committee submitted to the House Sunday during its last meeting of the extraordinary session which started in June with a heavy load of its legislation on its agenda.

The state of polarisation in society after the signing of the peace treaty and the accompanying stressful situation have affected the ceiling of public freedoms.

charged the report. But Prime Minister Sharif 'Zeid Ben Shaker rejected the charges, adding that the

impression about the situation in the Kingdom. The government does not agree with the allegations

Princess Basma

returns from Beijing

AMMAN (Petra) - Her

Royal Highness Princess Bas-

of action, which pro-

vided for respecting the

state's sovereignty, principles

and values when im-

plementing the programmes,

policies and strategies con-

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait's foreign minister has ended a two-day visit to Turkey where he discussed Iraq and

bilateral ties, the Kuwait

News Agency (KUNA) said on Sunday. The minister.

Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al

Sabah, said bis talks with

Turkish officials tackled the

trade ban imposed on Iraq

after its invasion of Kuwait in

1990 and economic ties be-

tween the two countries,

KUNA reported. Turkey was

part of a U.S.-led military

coalition which ended Iraq's

seven-month occupation of

Knwait in February 1991.

Sheikh Sabah delivered a

message from Kuwait's emir.

sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, to Turkish President

Suleyman Demirel. Diplo-

mats said part of Sheikh

Sabah's mission was to re-

view regional developments

following the Aug. g defec-tion to Jordan of two senior

aides to Iraqi President Sad-

tained in the plan.

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Kuwait, Turkey

report gives the wrong

that the ceiling of public shrunk," Sharif Zeid said after 23 deputies took the floor to comment on the commit-

tee's 10-page report. "In fact, the ceiling of public freedoms has been witnessing further heights and one look at local press is enough to realise that the freedom of expression some times exceeds the limits of the law," Sharif Zeid said.

Members of the Islamic Action Front (IAF) parliamentary bloc launched the strongest attack at the government, accusing it of unlawfully withdrawing the citizenship of Jordanians from Palestinian origin.

Bassam Haddadin, rapporteur of the Public Freedoms Committee, urged the government to abide by the law and to act "wisely" in dealing with the issue of citizen-

IAF member Ahmed Kassassbeh said the alleged withdrawal of citizens' passports reflects an abuse of the legal implication of the 1988 decision to sever links with

the West Bank But Sharif Zeid said any citizen who feels he has been done injustice in this: regard can resort to court.

"Nationality is a sensitive subject and the government refuses to see this question subjected to debate because (Continued on page 7)

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Sbarif Zeid Ben Shaker on Sunday underlined the importance of close cooperation between the legislative and executive authorities as a main guarantee for safeguarding public rights and freedoms and an essential element for ensuring national

security and stability. Sharif Zeid was addressing a Lower House of Parliament session during which the House debated a report by its Public Freedoms and Citizens Rights Committee that tackled issues related to political detainees, reports about withdrawal of passports from Jordanian citizens and public

The prime minister, who was replying to remarks by 23 deputies who addressed the session during the debate, stressed that the worst violation of human rights lies "in

Decree was issued Sunday

effect the Lower House's ex-

traordinary session which

Parliamentary sources de-

scribed the almost three-and-

half month session as one of

the most important House

sessions in view of the impor-

tant issues discussed during

The House discussed 27

agenda items with direct im-

pact on the higher interest of

started in June,

the session.

adjourning with immediate

the absence of security, whether such violation was committed by an official authority or certain forces that work in the dark."

Sharif Zeid referred to the committee's report and said: "With due respect to the committee, the government does not agree with the allegation that the ceiling of public freedoms bas sbrunk."

"It is the committee's report which gives us this im-pression," said the prime minister. He said the report talked about a staste of polarisation and a state of tension through which the Arab citizen is going through at the moment claiming that it was a result of the change and the transformation from a state of hostility and war into a stage of peace, with all that they entail of change in terms of sentiments and feelings as well as the requirements of

Jordanians, including the in-

come tax law, investment

law, and other economic

issues. Perhaps some of the

most important laws en-

dorsed by the House during

the ones on ending economic

boycott of Israel, the draft

labour law, the telecom-

munications law, the draft

income tax law, the draft

revised sales tax law, the

investment draft law and the

The House also discussed

policies of supply and prices,

draft law on environment.

Extraordinary session ends admission to state universities and the Public Freedoms

"In fact the ceiling of free-doms has been witnessing

further 'heights' and one look

at the local press is enough to

see that the freedom of ex-

pression sometimes exceeds

the limits of the law," the

prime minister said. He said

that some of these reports

indeed harm Jordan's rela-

tions vitu other Arab coun-

tries and some paint a picture

of Jordan as a homeland of

reports harm the interest of

Jordanian farmers because

they contain unfounded

rumours about unfitness of

vegetables and fruits for hu-man consumption," the

prime minister added. He

said that the government has

nonetheless left the matter

for the citizens to judge and

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"Furthermore some of the

criminals and robbers.

Among the other subjects hich the House discussed was the defection to Jordan by Iraqi General Hussein Kamel and members of his family on Ang. 8. The House also discussed proposals made by some deputies on public services and listened to the government's replies to a number of questions put forward by deputies.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Sunday addresses a group of representatives of American pension funds (Petra photo)

Prince Hassan outlines Jordan's vision of new Mideast to U.S. groups

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Sunday reaffirmed Jordan's firm commitment to do whatever is needed under realistic terms to contribute to the building of a new Middle East where all parties in the region draw on their complementarities and work in concert with each other to achieve economic development in a state of peace and stability.

The Crown Prince, addressing a group of American investment institutions, emphasised that while comprehensive peace and stabil-Middle East it was equally important to build on what has been achieved so far in the Arab-Israeli peace pro-

While the peace process has seen progress on all tracks - going "beyond the point of no return" - and the Palestinians and Jordan have signed peace agree-ments with Israel, "it is important to bear in mind the distinction of the complementarity between making peace and building

peace," be said. "Peacemaking may be the stuff photo opportunities are made of," the Crown Prince told a meeting attended by representatives of nearly 50 American pension funds nnder the theme "New Opportunities in Ancient law on investment promo-Lands," But "peacebuilding tion, the law on protection of is the stuff that relates to the common man and woman in the streets of our towns..." the Crown Prince told the meeting entitled the "Pensions 2000".

The peace that Jordan seeks "can only be achieved by a combination of qualities... of standing up to friends as well as enemies, of engaging in a ... two-way dialogue...," while firmly adhering to its commitments to democracy, political pluralism, and richness in diversity, the Crown Prince said.

Jordan's record clearly shows that its commitment to these principles are unshake-On a parallel track, Jordan is also committed to free mar-

ket economy, free trade where free trade is essential, and customs union wherever it is justified, be said. However, the key element to building a region based on complementarities needs a kind of comprehension leading to understanding...

he added. Jordan bas worked hard to reach where it stands today in terms of implementing 'market-friendly reforms,' as evidenced by the tribute given to the Kingdom by the European Union, said the Crown Prince.

He also referred to the major changes in the country's economic legislation the new income tax law, the

intellectual property rights, and the new companies law among others — as a clear indication of Jordan's fast self to the economic realities of a new Middle East.

Following are major excerpts from the Crown Prince's speech:

The Crown Prince briefly reviewed Jordan's economic, performance and the growth rate of the Kingdom's gross domestic product. He said the high mark given to Jordan by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for implementing a tight-knit economic reform programme "encouraging in the sense that the private sector and private investment had led to scope to resume their role as a dynamo for growth..."

It is our hope that in what I have described as a realistic approach to peacebuilding will invite our partners in this exercise to develop a shared, realistic understanding of the inter-related levels of peacebuilding," said the Crown Prince.

The first element in peacebuilding, in Jordan's view, he said was "the trilateral partnership... between governments, international businesses and international financial institutions." In this context, the Crown

Prince said the Middle East

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Israel-PLO talks stretch into the night under U.S. pressure

ma returned home Sunday after heading the Jordanian delegation to the Fourth TABA, Egypt (Agencies) —. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Sunday he U.N. World Conference on Women which concluded in Beijing on Sept. 15. In an afrival statement Princess and Palestinian leader Yasser Basma said the conference's Arafat would meet late into results were good and re-flected the efforts made by the might to try to hammer out an clusive agreement on Jordan as well as the Arab wider Palestinian self-rule. As a Sept. 21 target date and Islamic countries. She for a Washington signing said these efforts resulted in a ceremony neared, Israeli and major amendment to paragraph 9 of the conference's Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO) officials said they were still divided over key issue of the West Bank town of Hebron, where 400 Jewish settlers live among 120,000 Palestinians. "I estimate the negotiations will continue until tomorrow (Monda<u>y</u>) mornresort of Taba, before his night on whether a White third meeting of the day with House signing eeremony Mr. Arafat.

"We will hold a lengtby meeting tonight. There will be differences and agreements but we will do our utmost to complete the negonations," he said.

Mr. Peres gave no indication what might happen if Israel and the PLO failed to meet the Thursday target date for an accord, already 16 months behind schedule, on an Israeli troop pullback in the occupied West Bank and Palestinian elections. "I gave no ultimatums," he

Israel army radio reported

could be held on Thursday. Asked about U.S. press-ure, Mr. Peres said: "We will do our best to announce a result as soon as possible.

between now and tomorrow-(Monday) morning."
Mr. Peres and Mr. Arafar already held 10 hours of talks since late Saturday.

In a sign of possible progress, the Palestinian mayor of Hebron, Mustapha Natshe,. was brought into the negotia-

U.S. Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross telephoned Mr. Arafat and Mr. Peres late Saturday before Israeli delegate said.

that U.S. President Bill Clinton would like to see a deal wrapped up by Sunday late so American officials could go ahead with preparations for the Washington ceremony.

If Israel and the PLO failed

to reach an agreement, Mr. Clinton would consider himself freed from his offer to bost such a ceremony, Mr. Ross said.

The delegate said Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin asked Mr. Peres to ease the Jewish state's demands to maintain ultimate security control of Hebron. Any lingering differences over Hebron could be ironed.

mg," Mr. Peres told repor- U.S. officials were pressing they opened their talks, an (Continued on page 7) ters in the Egyptian Red Sea Japan presses for stronger role in Mideast

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Japan's Prime Minister Tomitchi Murayama continued to push Sunday for a more active Japanese role in the Middle East peace process as be tried to improve the once frosty

relations with Israel. "Peace and stability in the region are essential for the prosperity of the entire world," Mr. Murayama said on the first official visit by a Japanese premier to the Jewish state.

"We will therefore con-. tinue our active cooperation in whatever way possible," he added at a reception at the offices of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Mr. Rabin replied: "Your support for the peace process is important to us. We express our deepest thanks to

Mr. Murayama, who ar-

rived here Saturday from

the peace process and the region's economy in talks Sunday with Mr. Rabin. Japan is now Israel's second largest export market, with sales worth \$976 million last year, far more than Israel

Damascus where he met Sy-

rian President Hafez Al

Assad, is expected to discuss

imports from Japan. Mr. Rabin, who visited Tokyo in December, was also to raise Japan's adherence in an Arab boycott of the Jewish state until after the launch of the Middle East peace process in 1991, officials here

"This visit clearly shows Japan's desire to normalise its relations with Israel. which it had maintained at a minimal level for more than 40 years, adhering to the Arab boycott," Israel's ambassador to Tokyo, Amos Ganor said.

Lacking its own natural energy sources, Japan depends greatly on its oil supply. from the Gulf Arab states. "Japan, a great economic

power, wants to play a political role in the international arena, notably in the Middle East," Mr. Ganor added. "It realises that Israel is a nation central to the region."

After much debate, Tokyo greed this year to dispatch 50 of its Self Defence Force personnel to join the U.N. Disengagement Observation Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights, to replace a Canadian transport unit. They are expected to arrive in February.

Their dispatch is part of our efforts to participate actively but not directly in the Middle East peace process to help enhance the atmosphere leading towards peace," a Japanese diplomat said.

Israeli-Syrian peace talks are deadlocked over the scope and timetable of an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights, which it seized from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war.

In Damasens, Mr. Murayama urged Mr. Assad to take new steps to accelerate peace talks with Israel. "The Syrian-Israeli peace talks have entered a very important stage and time should not be lost," he told the Syrian president. He also said he would

"urge the Israeli government to solve the issue on the basis of a land-for-peace exchange" based on U.N. Security Council resolutions. a Japanese spokesman said. Mr. Murayama visited the European countries. Yad Vashem memorial and paid tribute to the Jews killed

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Serb arms removal slow; Muslims seize new town

SARAJEVO (R) - Bosnian Serb forces have removed some of their siege guns from around Sarajevo under threat of renewed NATO bombing but they were well short of the full withdrawal required as a NATO deadline loomed on Sunday. U.N. officials monitoring

the Sarajevo pullback said 71 Serb guns had left a 20kilometre heavy weapons exclusion zone there but they reckoned the total that must be withdrawn should be between 200 and 329 weapons. U.S. Defence Secretary William Perry said NATO had warned the Serbs Saturday night that they were not pulling out fast enough.

"Today, some escalation has, in fact, occurred," Mr. Perry said in nearby Slovenia, a former Yugoslav republic

Mr. Perry said NATO and U.N. generals were to decide Sunday night whether the Serbs had done enough to permit an extension of the deadline

"I expect, and certainly hope, that they will be able to continue the suspension of the bombing," Mr. Perry told reporters in the resort of Bled during his tour of Central

Bosnian government forces, meanwhile, said they had added another key town **Bosnian Serbs get** another 72 hours

NATO AND U.N. commanders gave Bosnian Serbs another 72 hours to complete the pullout of their heavy weapons from around Sarajevo after they found that Serbs had shown initial compliance, the U.N.

"... The Bosnian Serbs have shown initial compliance (with our conditions). Therefore we have agreed that the suspension of airstrikes be extended for an additional 72 hours," U.N. commander General Bernard Janvier said in a statement.

 Sanski Most — to a rapidly growing list of military conquests in a strategic rollback of the Serbs in the northwest of the country.

Shuttle diplomacy aimed at ending the 41-month-old war in Bosnia gathered race as European Union (EU) mediator Carl Bildt arrived in Sarajevo to meet Bosnian government officials and said the Serbs must comply strictly with NATO demands.

U.N. envoy Richard Holbrooke was also bound for Sarajevo after meeting Croatian President Franjo TudiBritish Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind was heading for Belgrade for talks' with Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic

"Sanski Most has been liberated." Bosnian state radio said. Jajce, Donji Vakuf, Bosanski Petrovac and Kljuc all fell in the week before Sanski Most was captured, giving Muslim and Croat forces control over thousands of square kilometres of territory which Serbs had held through the

The Bosnian army also appealed to Serbs in the Mount Ozren area in the northeast to keep calm and to welcome approaching Muslim forces as "liberators from fascism." But the Bosnian Serb army declared that it

was holding its line there. The latest gains put the Muslims on the doorstep of another important town Prijedor, and they now pose a threat to the Serbs' main northern bastion of Banja Luka further to the east.

In Sarajevo, Major Guy Vinet, a U.N. spokesman, said: "At midnight there were about 70 heavy weapons which had been withdrawn from the exclusion zone and we think there were no furth-

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Conflict in north Iraq | Aideed forces hampers relief efforts | capture Baidoa

ERBIL (AFP) — Thousands of Turkish Kurd refugees are caught in the middle of an area because of shooting, U.N. workers said.

The United Nations has inter-Kurd conflict which is hampering the work of U.N. and other aid organisations.

In a sign of increasing desperation, three U.N. officials and 10 workers from non-governmental organisations were held bostage in the U.N.-run Atrush camp in northern Iraq last week.

They were meant to act as shields agaiost the Iraqi Kurds who want to search the. camp, believing it is being used to hide weapons for the separatist Kurdish Labour Party (PKK).

All the bostages were eventually freed unharmed after negotiations between the head of the U.N. relief coordination unit, Stafford Clarry, and camp leaders.

But the incident served to illustrate the difficulties facing aid workers amid the chaos of northern Iraq, a region controlled by feuding Iraqi Kurds since 1991.

"Oor work is being affected for sure," Mr. Clarry Four members of an inter-

national group who had plan-ned to vaccinate children in Amadia, 100 kilometres northeast of the town of Dohuk, were wounded last week when their vehicle came under PKK fire.

And a Swedish group, Qandil, was forced to abandon plans to visit the Ber-

PARIS (Agencies) — Algeria's President Liamine

Zeroual urged citizens of his

troubled country on Saturday to defy guerrillas by voting in

the coming presidential elec-tion but did not say whether

Mr. Zeroual, in a speech

broadcast on state-run radio

and television, said the pres-

idential poll due in the next

two months would break the

deadlock in the bloody con-

flict pitting his army-backed

government against militants

bent on topple the country's

moderate rulers and wreck

He refused to say whether

be himself would contest the

election, despite growing spe-

culation in newspapers at

home and abroad that Mr.

Zeroual, 53, would finally

The daily La Tribune said

the main army chiefs had met

Mr. Zeroual on Tuesday

"and discussed his candida-

Al Watan oewspaper said:

"President Zeroual might

announce his candidacy in

Mr. Zeroual, a general

who is also defence minister,

took office in January 1994

for a maximum three-year

He succeeded a civilian-

appointed military five-man

presidency which had taken

office after army-backed au-

thorities cancelled geogral

elections io Janoary 1992

which Islamists were poised

to win but bad failed to end

Io less than four years of

escalating violence since, an

estimated 40,000 people have

The pressure on Mr.

Zeroual to stand climaxed on

Saturday with former govern-

meot spokeswoman Leila

Asslaoui urging him "not to

abandon the nation" after

the country's crisis.

been killed.

the election.

decide to stand.

the next hours."

transitional term.

he would be a candidate.

restricted movement for humanitarian groups because of the instability, but that has led to serious delays in pro-viding food, Mr. Clarry said. Apart from the 20,000 Tur-

kish Kurds in the two Atrush camps run by the U.N. High missioner for Refugees (UNHCR), aid groups are also trying to help about 20,000 Iraqi Kurds who fled their villages during Turkish army incursions earlier in the

The PKK began to wage war on the Kurdistan Demo-cratic Party (KDP) on Aug., 25 to punish it for allegedly backing Ankara which twice sent troops into north Iraq to wipe ont PKK guerrillas fighting for an independent homeland in Turkey.

But the Turkish campaign appears to have backfired. The area combed by tens of thousands of Turkish troops in the spring is now at least partly under the control of the PKK.

A senior KDP official, who asked not to be named, said the PKK controlled four strategic positions in the west

of the region. He admitted they were a tough adversary but pre-dicted that having lost the support of the Iraqi Kurd villagers who belped them during the Turkish incursions they could not hold out much

but remains silent on candidacy

bundreds of thousands of

people took to the streets

across the country deman-

ding his candidacy.
The main secular and Mus-

lim militant parties have dis-

missed the presidential poll,

saying it will worsen the

country's conflict by prolong-

ing the army-backed govern-

Guerrillas, who have step-ped up attacks since July with

bombings that killed more

than 40 people, have vowed

that the people will win back

the right to select their lead-

ers without guardianship and

any sharing of power," Mr. Zeroual said.

He acknowledged that the

election would be held "in

hard times" but pledged that

the authorities would strive

to provide the best conditions

Referring to guerrillas, he

said: "The others who wield a

criminal threat (seek) to pre-

vent all the nation from ex-

pressing its choice. But this

threat will be answered by

your firm and dignified reac-

Mr. Zeroual also signed a

decree creating an electoral

body to oversee the Nov. 16

first round of presideotial

Mr. Zeroual in his speech

referred to himself as the

He reminded Algerians that be has invited the United

Nations, the Arab League

and the Organisation on Afri-

ca Unity to monitor the bal-

loting and ensure "the exclu-

sive right to the Algerian

people to choose their leaders."

Algerian held in Paris

involvement in arms smug-

Au Algerian suspected of

president of the period of

balloting.

transition."

"The election will ensure

to block the election.

"They are very stupid. Af-ter the Turkish incursion they had lots of people with them, almost all the peasants in the

mountainous regions. "Even we let them move and did not really pursue them. Bot now they are alone. Without the backing of the villagers, they are like fish out of water. They will surrender sooo," be pre-

dicted. The KDP said about 80 PKK fighters captured in clashes this month were former refugees from Atrush.

to These prisoners told us that 700 people have left the two camps to join PKK groups and that there are still weapons and radio devices

"That is why we want to search the camp, but not without arranging it with the UNHCR," a KDP official

The instability is compounded by tensions between the KDP and its rival, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, which failed at talks in Dublin last week to agree on implementation of a U.S. and Turkisb-backed peace accord.

Their conflict bas cost more than 2,000 lives since

May 1994. "I'm sure that Turkey will exploit the unrest, if it doesn't stop soon, as a pretext for another incursion," a senior official from a foreign

gling for the radical Armed Islamic Group (GIA) was questioned and held in cus-

tody by French anti-terrorist judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere

Saturday, legal sources said. Lawyers said Abdul Kader

Belkihel was being held on

arms and terrorism-related

charges. Arrested in Belgium

in June, Belkihel was extra-

dited to France on Wednes-

day.

He is suspected of being a close associate of Ahmad

Zaoui, currently on trial in

Belgium. Zaoui is thought to

be a leading figure in the

be part of a European arms

trafficking operation. A

Belgian-registered car be-

longing to him was found

loaded with arms and

ammunition bought in Hun-

Six other Algerians have

already been questioned over

the affair: Jamel Lounaoudi,

Samir Salmi, Mohammad

Bettayeb, Ahmad Bekkat,

Siri Cherefi and Larbi Ait

Meanwhile French Prime

Minister Alain Juppe told the

newspaper Journal de

Dimanche that the inquiry

into the recent spate of

bombings was "progressing."
"A number of suspects

have been identified and the

police are stepping up their inquiries," Mr. Juppe said, in

an interview to appear on

friction between the different

arms of the security services,

he said: "Cooperation be-

tween the services has im-

proved," but deplored "the

lack of discretion" in some

"When inquiries as diffi-

cult and as serious as this are

underway, people sbould

know how to hold their ton-

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 29, Aqaba 37 Humidity readings: Amman 38 per cent, Aqaba 32 per cent.

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gues," he stressed.

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Commenting on reports of

gary and Poland.

Belkihel is also thought to

GIA.

Bardera town, 165 kilometres to the southwest, which could put them on course for an aid organisation said. assault against Kismayu. In Mogadishu, travellers from Baidoa said the takeov-Zeroual urges Algerians to vote, er was virtually bloodless and Gen. Aideed's Somali

other gunmen from the city's streets. Rival clan fighters in the city hid most of their arms. Mohammad Kanyare Afrah, interior minister in a government formed by Gen. Aideed which has no inter-

ventional recognition, told

reporters "president" Aideed

National Alliance (SNA)

militiamen had banned all

MOGADISHU (R) —

ficant move in two years.

and international aid workers

were rounded np and taken

to a single compound in the

city, 240 kilometres north-west of Mogadishu.

It was the most important

Somali military development

since General Aideed's

forces were thrown out of the southern port of Kismayu in

1993 and a blow to aid agen-

cies who kept Baidoa as a

showcase for their work in Somalia after U.N. troops

Gen. Aideed left his south

Mogadishu stronghold on Saturday night at the head of

600 militiamen and 30 "technicals." battlewagons

mounted with heavy weapons, for the thrust, aid

The column seized Baidoa.

renowned as "the city of death" in 1992 when it was

the centre of Somalia's

famine, after some sporadic

fighting but there were no

Aid officials said Mr.

Aideed's force in Baidoa on

Sunday moved on towards

precise casualty reports.

withdrew in March.

officials said.

was received warmly by resi-Somali faction leader dents. He said Gen. Aideed's

Mohammad Farah Aideed and 600 militiamen thrust out Baidoa visit was one of several to various regions since of Mogadishu and seized the July. Gen. Aideed was elected president of Somalia by his supporters in June but southwestern city of Baidoa on Sunday in their most signi-Aid officials said Baidoa rival leaders denounced the fell at 5 a.m. (0200 GMT)

Gen. Aideed's Voice of the Masses of the Somali Repub-lic radio said the president told Baidoa elders. religious leaders and intellectuals that the purpose of the visit of his "delegation" was to assess the situation and see how people could be helped.

He said he was particularly concerned with problems brought about during the rule of late dictator Mohammad Siad Barre, who was ousted in 1991, and "those later caused by groups working for colonialists and foreign agencies," the radio added.

A radio station run by rival faction leader Osman Ali Hassan Atto said Baidoa residents strongly resisted Gen. Aideed's attack and fighting continued on Sunday after many people were killed and property looted.

A spokesman for the U.N. Development Programme in Nairobi said its 12 or 13 international staff in Baidoa had been taken to a single compound in the city and were being kept there.

"There is some looting of our premises. We were assured in Mogadishu by Aideed's group that nothing would happen to our people or offices but we understand at least one office has been looted," he said.

A spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food programme (WFP) said four WFP workers - an Afghan and three Sudanese - were taken from their compound apparently by SNA militiamen to an unknown location.

She said WFP's radio equipment in Baidoa was rip-ped out.

Filipina maid hopeful despite death sentence

ABU DHABI (Agencies) — A young Filipina maid who could face a firing squad in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for murder was in good spirits on Sunday and expressed hope that she would be pardoned, said embassy officials who visited

"Sarah was smiling when I walked in and she said she still had hope that she would be pardoned." Grace Escalante, consul at the Philippine embassy, told Reuters after visiting 16-year-old Sarah Balabagan in prison in the oasis town of Al 'Ain.

On Saturday, she was led sobbing from an Islamic court there which condemned her to death for the premeditated murder of her Gulf Arab employer, Almas Mohammad Al Baloushi.

It rejected her plea that she stabbed him 34 times in selfdefence after he raped her. In Manila, two migrant worker organisations urged Filipinos to burn thousands of UAE flags to protest the

President Fidel Ramos. whose government came under fire in March when a Filipino maid was hanged for murder in Singapore. ordered officials to finance the appeal of Ms. Balabagan. a Muslim from the southern

death sentence.

Philippine city of Cotabato. Mr. Ramos said he would appeal directly to UAE President Sheikh Zaved Ben Sultan Al Nahayan to intervene in the case.

The case threatened to emerge as a major domestic and foreign policy issue in a country sensitive to the plight of overseas workers and deeply embarrassed over the fact that millions must go abroad to find jobs.

Reports of the death sentence led nearly every newspaper in the country Sunday. In an editorial for publication Monday, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, one of the country's leading newspapers, said the verdict raises questions of whether there is a system of justice in the UAE at least as justice is understood in most other countries."

"If this is not the height of barbarism and a clear miscarriage of justice, we don't know what else to call it." the Friends of Filipino Migrant Workers Inc. and the Association of International Domestics for Development said in a statement.

They also urged the Philippine government to declare the southern Gulf emirate a "danger zone" and off-limits to Filipino workers until the maid is set free.

Kabul parades **Pakistani** 'agents'

KABUL (AP) — Amid growing fears of renewed fighting in the Afghan capit-al, government officials Sunday put on display three Pakistani men accused of spying and working with a warring rival faction.

The parade of spies in Kabul. arranged for a gathering of Western and Afghan journalists, was the latest in President Burhanuddin Rabbani's accusations of Pakistan's alleged support for the rebel Taliban militia. Mr. Rabbani's forces have

suffered a series of devastating defeats at the hands of the Talibans in recent weeks. Earlier this month Mr. Rabbani's western stronghold of Herat fell to the Talibans with barely a fight. Since then, there has been

growing concern among Kabul residents that the Talibans' next target will be the

"There's going to be a bat-tle for Kabul in a week, maybe 10 days," a United Nations official said on condition that he not be named. "And it's going to be a bloody one," he said. "The

U.N. can not do anything now. It's up to the Afghans to stop the fighting." Afghan security officials, meanwhile, told reporters the three Pakistanis — Ashfaq

Sadiq from Pakistan's Punjab province, Shakil Ahmad from the Northwest Frontier Province and former police officer, Hamid Ullah from Kabul, as spies. Along with the alleged Pakistan agents. Afghan authorities showed off Pakistan

visas of two of the men, a pistol and a full clip of bullets, identification papers and a telephone handset connected to a series of wires. "The telephone has been used to intercept communica-tions within Kabul," said

passports with false Afghan

Mohammad Ali, a senior officer with Afghanistan's secret service known as Khad.

Also on display was a calender and address book containing the names of an arms dealer and the former head of Pakistan's secret service, Hameed Gul. Afghan forces last week

caught two of the men in Khayk in the northern Panishir Valley while the third man was arrested in the capital outside the Defence Ministry building.
"The evidence speaks for

itself." Mr. Ali said. "Pakistan interferes with Afghanistan's internal affairs through the militia, spying and bombardments. Pakistan has repeatedly de-

nied any involvement in the bitter Afghan civil war. claiming to be an independent observer of the country's ongoing fighting. After nearly six months of

relative peace, the prospect of renewed fighting in Kabul has many residents terrified.

"People are very worried, again," said shopkeeper Abdul Rahoof. "We have already survived so much, we cannot take anymore fight-While Mr. Rabbani has

been trying to assure both foreign relief workers and Kabul citizens that the city would remain peaceful, his spokesman bas warned on several occasions of an imminent attack from Talibans based south and west of the capital.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Oman asks Mekki to oversee economics ministry

MUSCAT (R) — Oman's Sultan Qaboos on Sunday asked one of bis ministers to oversee the affairs of the Finance and Economy Ministry after the death last week in a car accident of Deputy Prime Minister Qais Ben Abdul Monem Al Zawawi. A decree issued by the Sultan said civil service minister Ahmad Ben Abdul Nabi Mekki will with immediate effect overlook "the operations of the ministry of finance and economy." Mr. Mekki is also deputy to the president of the central bank. Zawawi, who was killed on Monday when the car he and the Sultan were in was struck by another vehicle, was deputy prime minister for financial and economic affairs.

Yemen expels hundreds of militants

DUBAI (AFP) — Yemen has expelled hundreds of militants after it came under fire from Egypt and other militants after it came under nre from Egypt and other countries for sheltering them, an advisor to President Ali Abdullah Saleh said. "Hundreds of Arab extremists known as Islamists." including Egyptians, were expelled, General Yahya Al Mutawakkel said in Monday's edition of the United Arab Emirates weekly. Al Shuruk. Many belonged to Jibad (boly war), which has militants in Egypt, Lebanon, and Palestinian areas, Gen. Mutawakkel said. Some were veterans of the war in Afghanistan. "These militants were not in military camps. Some were living in Yemen as theology students and others as teachers," he said. "They conducted inappropriate activities using this cover."

Bomb hits Israeli patrol In S. Lebanon

MARJAYOUN (R) — A roadside bomb exploded in South Lebanon on Sunday, wounding three Israeli soldiers in a motorised patrol, pro-Israeli sources said. Two soldiers were seriously injured and the third was slightly hurt, the pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia sources said. They were evacuated to Israel by helicopter. The attack took place on the road to Quelea village just south of Marjayoun, headquarters of the 3,000-strong SLA which helps the Israelis control a 15-kilometres-wide border occupation zone.

Velayati begins Armenia visit

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati left here Sunday for Yeravan where he is to take part in a tripartide meeting with Armenia and Turkmeoistan, the official Islamic republic news agency IRNA said. The three countries are to discuss three-way cooperation in economy, banking, transport and energy, it said. The foreign minister of Iran, Armenia and Turkmenistan signed several accords in Tehran in April for economic and technical cooperation. Their last such meeting was held in Turkmenistan in July.

Turkey says 19 Kurdish guerrillas killed

DIYARBAKIR (R) - Troops killed 19 Kurdistan Labour Party (PKK) rebels in series of clashes in southeast Turkey, security officials said on Sunday. There was no independent confirmation of the killings. The officials said five of the guerrillas died in fighting in the district of Kulp, where Turkish forces striking from land and air killed 51 rebels last week in one of the southeast's biggest clashes this year. Twelve other rebels were killed on Mount Cudi, a PKK stronghold near the Iraqi border, the regional governor's office in the city of Diyarbakir said in a statement.

King Hassan II rejects idea of 'Islamic terrorism'

PARIS (AFP) - King Hassan II of Morocco rejected the idea of "Islamic terrorism" in a forthright denunciation of the current wave of attacks in France in an interview Sunday. Speaking to the French-language television channel TV5, he also announced a forthcoming visit to France to meet French President Jacques Chirac. Of the bombings in France, he said: "The attacks are political attacks. They are not religious and we will know one day that those responsible for the attacks, even if they say they are Muslim, know nothing of their religion." He said relations between Morocco and France were better than before. He would be travelling to Paris in a few weeks to meet Mr. Chirac, he said, without specifying the date.

Iran: U.S. trying to partition Iraq

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran's Parliament Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq Nuri on Sunday accused the United States of seeking to dismember Iraq, the official news gency IRNA reported. Mr. Nateq Nuri, in a meeting with a Kuwaiti parliamentary delegation, reaffirmed Iran's support for Iraq's "independence and territorial integrity and a government there based on the will of its people." Tehran is alarmed over Washington's efforts to mediate a peace accord between rival Kurdish factions in Kurdish-held northern Iraq, according to diplomats here. Their peace talks in Dublin broke down on Saturday. The head of the Kuwaiti delegatioo, deputy Gbanam Ali Al Jombur, said his country also respected Iraq's territorial integrity and called for cooperation with Iran to ensure peace and stability in the region.

Aldeed 'investigating' jailed journalist

MOGADISHU (R) — Somalia's self-styled president, warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed, told local officials at the weekend that the case of a journalist now under arrest was being investigated. He said journalist Ali Musa Abdi, who worked for the British Broadcasting Corporation and French news agency Agence France-Presse (AFP), would be released if he was found innocent of the charges for which he was arrested, a spokesman said on Sunday. No details have been given of the charges. Mr. Ali, abducted by pro-Aideed gunmen on Sept. 5, is being held under guard in south Mogadisbu. His wife, who has been able to visit him daily said he was well but "weary."

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By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — An explosion

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of Aqaba on Saturday,

according to Civil Defence

Department (CDD) officials.

Jordan Times Sunday that

the blaze, which started Sat-

urday at about noon, was the

result of high temperatures

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The official added that

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A CDD official told the

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ers on that pier, he said.

The resultant fire spread

He added that it took CDD

units less than one hour to

extinguish the blaze and iso-

late other containers on the

CDD units were kept on

The official could not give

an estimate of the amount of

damage caused by the fire, but said at least 20 contain-

ers full of various goods and

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No one was injured in the

Speaker of the Senate Ahmad Lawzi meets with a visiting Cuban parliamentary dele-

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Mr. Srour underlined the

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Innovative chair helps children

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gation to discuss enhancing bilateral relations (Petra photo)

AMMAN (Petra) — A visit- the Middle East region.
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delegation Sunday discussed

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The Cuban delegation met

with Lower House of Parlia-

ment Speaker Sa'ad Hayel

Srour and Deputy Abdullah

Ensour, chairman of the

House's Foreign Affairs

Committee, to discuss coop-

eration and developments in

By Lola Keîlani

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Centre for

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course on how to design

and manufacture a special

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factured in the U.S. These chairs help children with cerebral palsy to stand as well as sit securely and comfortably without the need for restraining straps, said volunteer course teacher and physiotherapist Archie Hinchcliffe, who designed the chair. MARKET PRICES

Ne'meb Mustafa Abdul Halim mother of five, two of who have cerebral palsy, said that although she still found the chair expensive at

with cerebral palsy JD 20 each, she was happy that Ayman, her 11-year-old son, could now watch television comfortably with the rest of his family. Ayman's

> own chair soon. Before getting his cardboard chir, Ayman had to be tied to a regular chair to remain propped up, the mother said.

younger sister Ala'a has

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Unfortunately, said Mrs. Hinchcliffe, who is married to British Amhassador to Jordan Peter Hinchcliffe, only two out of the seven women trainees in the course were willing to stay on and work on what the centre hoped would be a income-generating useful project.

The others could not spare the time, according to the two women who did stay

"It is difficult for them to stay away from home from g:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily," said Hiba Musallem,

a 21-year-old with a diplo-

Dr. Ensour reviewed the

The meeting was also

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The Cuban delegation ear-

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ma in computer science. In addition, Mrs. Hinchcliffe said, some of young women were reluctant to continue working because it involved their co-signing a bank loan to finance the

project.
"The idea of getting a group loan frightened the women," she said. The production of each

chair takes one week, and so far eight chairs, have been ordered for construc-

"We put a great deal of work into our chair designs, but the smile that lights up Ayman's face gave us so much pleasure that we forgot all our weariness," said Ms. Musallem.

American firm to study feasibility of Aqaba airport expansion

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

According to the official,

if safety procedures were implemented properly, the

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"No one informed the

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According to the official,

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measures," the official said.

An investigative commit-

tee has been formed to con-

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AMMAN - The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has selected an American company to conduct a feasibility study on expanding the Aqaba airport and the awarding of the contract is expected to be announced this week after the Council of Ministers approve the

CAA selection. CAA Director-General Ahmad Jweiber declined to give the name of the company, which will conduct the study under a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Trade and Development Agency

The grant was announced at a conference organised by the TDA, which is directly answerable to the White House, on development of the Jordan Rift Valley in Amman early this year. It is a condition of the grant that the study be

company. More than a dozen firms from the U.S. had submitted offers to conduct the study.

awarded to an American

Some of the offers came from companies which already engaged in what industry experts describe as totally innovative projects in some third world countries - airports built, owned and operated strictly by the private sector under concessions granted by the government

- No clear idea has crystallised yet on the administrative shape and nature of an expanded Aqaba airport.

"We hope to announce the awarding of the contract after the government approves our recommendation," Mr. Jweiber told the Jordan Times.

The study is expected to take 22 "man-months" roughly six months - and will cover all aspects of expanding the Aqaba airport and operations to serve as an international airport for travellers to Jordan and Israel.

Under an agreement in principle reached by Jordan and Israel, the airport will be expanded towards the Israeli border and will have two separate terminals to serve



Ahmad Jweiber

the two countries. Unofficial estimates put the cost of expansion at \$200 million, and the govemment is expected to focus on the private sector for

financing the project. The CAA has said that no decision has been taken yet on the actual development of

the airport, and added that it is in the "first stage of the process - the development and idea phase."

"The idea is to develop a regional airport that will support other developmental sectors such as trade, industry, tourism etc. and that will achieve economies of scale. resulting in overall savings to the country and a better utilisation resources," said Mr. Jweiber in a statement to the Jordan Times.

According to Mr. Jweiber, the second stage will be "the undertaking of the feasibility study through rigorous multi-scenario, cost-benefit analyses, and finally the last stage is the decision-making stage in which the decision to embark the project is taken."

Mr. Jweiber stressed that "the government is serious about involving the private sector in this project and would not like to subject the budget to further pressure." "If the project is feasible,

then the private sector will want to pursue it, and if the project is not feasible then no one from the private sector will pursue it and the project will not materialise," be said.

The project is expected to be part of an agreement between Jordan and Israel on cooperation in the transport sector - one of the more than 20 accords that the Oct. 26 Jordan-Israel peace treaty calls for.

According to the Israeli Ministry of Transport, Jordan and Israel disagreed on the proposed airport expansion but a hreakthrough was achleved when His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met in the Jordan Valley on Aug. 28, and the Crown Prince accepted a suggestion by Mr. Peres "to build an airport terminal - half of which will be Jordanian and (the other) half Israeli - on the border."

The agreement on transport — which included a separate section on civil aviation — is in its final form and is expected to be formal-

Japan to finance \$1.2 m worth of projects in Jordan

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Japan and Jordan on Sunday exchanged documents under which Tokyo will provide 1.12 hillion yen (\$1.12 million) to finance three projects, raising to \$52 million Japanese grant aid to Jordan since 1993.

Included in the three new projects is a 547 million yen (\$5.6 million) facility to be located at Agaha to fight possible oil spills in the Red.

la is part of an agreement reached among Jordan. Israel and Egypt in talks on regional cooperation in the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process

The multilateral phase tackles the issues of water, refugees, arms control, regional economic cooperation and the environment.

Japan chairs the working group on the environment.

The other two grants covered under the documents exchanged on Sunday by Planning Minister Rima Khalaf and Japanese Ambassador Takayuki Kimura are: 550 million yen (\$5.7 million) to help Jordan purchase agriculture machinery and vehicles to increase production, and 24 million yen (about \$250,000) to belp Jordan Television produce educational and cultural pro-

The formalisation of the grant aid comes one day ahead of a .i her. by Japanes ... Minister. Tomuch, Murayama, who is on a tour of the Middle East. It was not immediately known whether Mr. Muraya-

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to Jordan, but diplomatic sources said it was likely. Jordan qualified for an outright Japanese grant aid in 1993 when the per capita income in the Kingdom

— a floor set by the Tokyo government.

Since then, Tokyo offered \$40 million in aid to the Kingdom until the end of 1994, and the grant announced Sunday is part of assistance for fiscal 1995.

Jordan and Japan are discussing projects worth tens of million of dollars, and officials in Tokyo say they expect agreements to be reached broke the end of the ven: In most of the propos-

.. he projects include a complete hridge and crossing point over the Jordan River between the West Bank and Jordan, as well as access roads to border points between the Kingdom and

Japan is Jordan's largest creditor, bolding about \$1.8 billion of the Kingdom's foreign debts of \$5.6 billion.

In May, Tokyo agreed to adjust interest on the loans to alleviate the rising burden

of the loans given in Japanese yen as the Japanese currency gained against the dollar. Japanese foreign policy

does not allow for cancellation of foreign dues and continued development loans. As sucb, Tokyo has promised to make more

funds available to Jordan at concessionary terms to help the Kingdom's balance of payments and build foreign currency reserves. Japanese officials also indicated recently that the Tokyo government was con-

-sidering "some kind of a formula under which Jordan's debt burden could be further reduced." The formula could be on a bilateral level as well as on a

multilateral level with the Paris Club of creditor governments, they said.

In a statement on Sunday, the Japanese embassy said the grant aid to Jordan came "in recognition of the great demand for the enhancement of the welfare of the people of Jordan and in view of the friendly relatious between Jordan and Japan."

It said the 500 million yen grant to the agricultural sector would help Jordan's efforts to become "more self-reliant in hasic foods, such as potatoes, wheat etc." It noted that the grant for

the marine pollution centre at Aqaba is part of the "Upper Gulf of Agaba Oil Spill Contingency Project" formulated by the multilateral working group oo the environment

The statement said the grant for Jordan Radio and Television Coporation will "promote education in Jordan through the donation of cultural and educational television programmes," and noted that Japanese aid to Jordan as "cultural grants" now totalled 430 million yen

(\$4.4 million).

Opposition parties condemn Libya's expulsion of Palestinians

plunged to less than \$1,200

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordanian opposition political parnes Sunday condemned Libya's expulsion of Palestinians from its territory and demanded that Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi reconsider his decision and rescind the expulsion order. In a statement circulated to

the press the political parties said Lihyan authorines have expelled tens of thousands of Palestinians and other Arab nationals who have been working and living in Lihya for many years. This arbitrary measure, the

statement said, specifically harms the 30,000 Palestinians living in Libya because no other Arab state is willing to accept them. Many of the expellees

have been stranded in the desert at the Libyan-Egyptian horder for more than two weeks as the Egyptian and Lebanese governments refused to accept them even though they bold travel documents issued in Egypt and Lebanon, the statement said It also said that Israel, for its part, is closing the door

on the expellees entry because the Oslo agreement with the Palestinians does not provide the right of return to the Palestinians.

The statement said that the expulsion of the Palestinians is taking place at a time when the Arab World is exposed to Zionist-imperialist aggression, adding that Libya and Iraq face sanctions and Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese lands are under occupation.

Stressing that the expulsion of Palestinians from Libya would increase the Palestinian people's sufferings, the statement said that the move would cause further regional problems not only for the Palestinians hut. also for the Arab states hosting Palestinian refugees, and such developments would never help end the sanctions imposed on Lihya.

The statement demanded that Libya rescind the expulsion order because it is a violation of human rights and harms inter Arab relations. It said that the Arabs are

now in dire need for unity of ranks "to confront the enemy, conspiracies and aggression" and to deal with

their common problems. The political parties' statement came four days after the Lower House of Parliament issued a condemnation of the Libyan measure arging Arab countries to help stop the expulsion of Palestinians from Libya.

The parliament statement described as irresponsible the expulsion order, stressing that the move would remain a black mark in the Libyan leadership's history. The following political

parties signed Sunday's Islamic statement: the Action Front, the National Action Front, the Jordanian Communist Party, the Progressive Arab Baath Party, the Jordanian Socialist Arab Baath Party, the Jordanian Democratic Peoples Party, the Jordanian Democratic People's Unity Party and the Jordanian Unionist Democratic Party.

Deputy calls subpoena 'unjust'

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Deputy Abdul Munem Abu Zant Sunday criticised a recent court order summoning the deputy to appear in court on charges of disrupting the peace and resisting arrest on Oct. 28 following a Friday prayer.

Sbeikh Abu Zant, who returned to Jordan last week after attending an Islamic conference in Baghdad, told the Jordan Times that he was informed of the court order by his colleagues at the conference. He said the subpoena was unjust.

"I was frankly surprised to learn that my name was among the 25 suspects in a court list," the Amman 2nd District deputy said.

Judicial sources Sunday confirmed that Sheikh Ahu Zant's name was among the 25 suspects charged with the Oct. 1994 mosque clashes in the Hai Nazzal district of east Amman.

Sheikh Abu Zant said that until Sunday be had received no official court order nor a request to lift his immunity.

Immunity is only applicable while Parliament is in session, therefore it will be lifted on Sept. 20 when the extraordinary session, now in process, concludes. On Oct. 28, Sbeikh Abu

Zant, an outspoken opponent of the peace treaty with Israel, was slightly injured in clashes after prayers at Abu Hureirah Mosque in Amman. According to the deputy,

he was assaulted after prayers outside the mosque. At first, Sheik Ahu Zant said, he was considered a witness to the brawl, "but four months later I learned

that I became a suspect," he added.

"Police first apprehended 24 people accusing them of beating me np," the deputy

"But a few weeks later, the 24 men and I were charged with attacking and resisting arrest," be added.

Deputy Abu Zant was taken tn King Hussein Medical Centre suffering minor injuries after delivering a sermno against the peace treaty, Islamic Action Front (IAF) snurces claimed at the time.

Government spnkespersons then said the deputy was burt in clashes inside the mosque during Friday prayers.

Last week, the LAF criticised the south Amman court order summoning Sheikh Abu Zani to appear in court, because, the LAF said, he is a deputy and thus is entitled in immunity.

IAF members charged that Deputy Abu Zant's name was mentinned as a suspect last week at the court hearing of the suspects in Abu Hureirah Mosque incident.

Deputy Abu Zant was involved in several rows in Parliament, including a Jan. 25 dispute with the Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Abdul Salam Abbadi, in which the deputy demanded that the minister provide the Hnuse with a full list of names of mosque preachers, dates of their appointments and the names of all retired preachers.

Sheikh Abu Zant accused Dr. Abbadi of using improper terms, ignorance of basic Arabic and lacking knowledge of his ministry's internal status.

Speaker of the Lower House Sa'ad Hayel Srour recently annunced during a regular session of Parliament that the Hnuse had ant received any requests to lift Deputy Abu Zant's immunity.

WHAT'S GOING ON

FILMS

"Tombes du Ciel," at the French Cultural Centre at £00 p.m. "Ghost House," taken from a novel by Isabella Allendy at the Phoenix Gallery for Cultura and Art at 8:00 p.m.

LECTURE

"Entering the World of the Novel," by Dr. Nicholas Linfield at the British Council at 5:00 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

* "Beneath the Waves," photographs on Aqaha underwater life by Julia Reinholt at The Gallery, Hotel InterContinental.

* Works hy artist Ghazi 'Ayasrah at the Housing Bank Com-

Paintings by Palestinian artist Samira Badran at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Jabal Amman.

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* Graphic work by several artists and students in the South Gallery. * Photography of Jordan, 'Elements in Harmony' by Hala Hilmi Hodeih at the Blue House. * Painted stone and steel, 'Embargo Art' hy Iraqi artist Nuha Al Radi at the Garden of the Blue House. "Early Morning Scribbles' by Lebanese artist Amin Al Bacha and Jordanian artist Rajwa Bint Ali and 'Late Night Scribbles' hy Amin Al Bacha and Joranian artist Ali Bermamet * Open Air Sculpture work-

shop.* Ceramic shop at the Lower Garden.

Town offers baby

bonus to combat population decline

NIZHNY NOVGOROD

Russia (AP) — Concerned

about a population decline,

the region surrounding Rus-

sia's fourth-largest city has

begun offering cash rewards

to women who give birth

The modest payments aren't

likely to make female resi-

dents of Nizhny Novgorod

want to rush out and get

pregnant, bowever. Under a

newly issued regional decree, reported by ITAR.

TASS, mothers will be paid

l' million rubles (\$225) for

their first child and 1.3 mil-

lion rubles (\$292) for their

Fantasies make men better lovers

LONDON (R) - British

men have sex seven times a

day -- in their minds - and

they should keep dreaming

as it improves their love life

A survey hy men's health

magazine calculated that

men fantasise 2,555 times a

year about having inter-

course. "Sexual fantasy

improves the quality of your actual sex life," the maga-

zine survey said. "Research

shows sexual fantasies

occur most often in men

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survey

Powell fuels talk of 3rd U.S. party

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Popular ex-military chief Colin Powell may be unsure about his presidential ambitions, but he speaks for millions of Americans when he says the time may be right for a third political party.

More and more voters are " prepared to jettison the timehonoured two-party political * system next year to cast their ballots for a candidate that is - neither Democrat nor Republican, according to recent polls.

And it is Gen. Powell more than any other potential candidate who has captivated the public. As he released his memoirs Saturday, and - emharked on a publicity i hlitz that is intense even by U.S. standards, Gen. Powell's popularity has surged to , new heights.

magazine/CNN poll found that 53 per cent of all Americans want to see Gen. Powell run for president, and 45 per cent want to see him run as an independent.

The poll also showed Gen. · Powell would handily defeat President Bill Clinton if the former military chief ran as the Republican nominee, and would even come out on top should be run as an independent against Mr. Clinton and Republican frontrunner

Boh Dole, a veteran senator. Though Gen. Powell told CBS-TV that the best road

SAN FERNANDO, Philip-

pines (AP) — A judge and a

13-year old boy drowned in

a fresh series of floods

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towns west of Pinatuho vol-

Police said volcanic debris

from the slopes of Pinatubo

over the weekend also sent

thousands more residents in

several towns fleeing to

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set loose by incessant rains

cano, authorities said Sun-

to the White House may be on the Republican ticket, his moderate views lead many analysts to believe that Gen. Powell would have a tough time winning the nomination since conservatives play a key role in the Republican nominating process.

Gen. Powell, former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff who successfully led the US forces in the 1991 gulf war, himself has acknowledged feeling uneasy with either party.

"Neither of the two major parties ... fits me comfortably in its present state," he wrote in his new autohiography. My American Journey. The time may be at hand for a third major party to emerge to represent this sensible centre of the American political spectrum."

Couched in those terms, a majority of Americans would agree with Gen. Powell, according to Karlan Bowman, a polling expert at the American Enterprise The number of people

who want to see a third party is certainly growing," said Bowman, adding that Gen. Powell has "by far the best positive-negative ratio in politics today."

Though leading a third party or independent movement has obvious advantages in terms of voter appeal, it is a daunting task

2 drown, thousands flee as mudflows

sweep northern Philippine towns

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panga, 67 kilometres north

The boy, Eddie Wardo,

drowned early Sunday in

Santo Domingo village of

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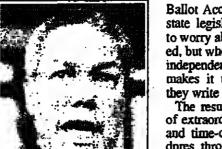
Rescuers managed to

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them to safety, except the

nearby Minalin town.

in, said Mr. Ventura.



Gen. Colin Powell

sive" in 1912.

to leap over the obstacles that bave been placed in the paths of political renegades. In 1992, Texas billionaire Ross Perot mounted one of the most successful independent campaigns in decades. He got just under 20 per cent of the vote, the most for a candidate running outside the two-party structure since former President Theodore Roosevelt ran as a "progres-

The most difficult chore he faced was merely getting on the hallot in all 50 U.S. states. Simply put, it is much easier if you are a Democrat or a Republican to get your name before voters in each U.S. state

"It's just (Democrats and Republicans) trying to eliminate the competition," said Richard Winger, editor of

judge, whose body was later

found Sunday morning 14

kilometres downstream in

Disaster officials said

about half a million resi-

dents bave been dislodged

from 18 Pampanga towns

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Loosened volcanic debris.

knhwn as labar, has destroyed hundreds of vil-lages and thousands of bectares (acres) of farmland

in Pampanga, Zambales and

Tarlac since Pinatubo erupt-

ed in June 1991.

Bacolor town, he said.

Ballot Access News. "Most state legislators never bave to worry about being defeated, but when a third party or independent gets involved, it makes it unpredictable. So they write all these laws."

The result is a patchwork of extraordinarily confusing and time-consuming proce-dores through which thirdparty or independent candidates must navigate in order to get on the ballot from state to state.

In Tennessee, for example. an independent candidate needs only 25 signatures from voters in the entire state to get on the ballot. In Maryland, it takes a petition with 75,000 voters' names.

Making it even more confusing are differing rules for independent candidates, or gennine third-party politi-cians. Mr. Perot, for instance, ran not as a thirdparty candidate, but as an independent, though some have encouraged him to convert his United We Stand

political party. Running under that label would help him get on the ballot in some states, but hurt him in others.

organisation into a bonafide

"See how silly these laws are?" said Mr. Winger, who is a consultant to people who attempt to break past the two-party structure. "each state is like its own little

Labour leader, 2 teenage

- A labour leader and two teenage boys were among six people killed Snoday in a ritual of daily killings that

activist of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's party and one of the country's biggest labour leaders, died in hospital following an attack on his vehicle by at least four

gunmen, police said.
Also Sunday gunmen sprayed a busy shopping centre in a middle-class neighbourbood in west Karacbi with bullets killing two teenage boys and wounding another three,

Mr. Ghani's bodyguard Police Const. Mohammad

nationalise the banks.

of Mr. Ghani's. The 1,500 branches of the

Muslim Commercial Bank located throughout Pakistan declared Monday a boliday to mourn Mr. Ghani's death. No one has taken responsibility for the attack.

Centre assault occurred during the busy noon hour, when the 250-shop centre was packed with shoppers. This area has been peaceful. Until now there hasn't

owner. "armed youths came in and just started firing." Police routinely hlame much of the violence in Karachi on militant members of the largest faction of

the Mohajir Qaumi Move-ment, led by Altaf Hussein. "The shooting at Aligarh is an act of terrorism," said Police Const. Mobammad Saddiq, although it's not clear who was behind it.



Pope John Paul II and South African President Nelson Mandela talk at the presidential

Pope praises changes in S. Africa

GERMISTON, South Africa (AFP) — Pope John Paul II Sunday praised the advent of democracy in South Africa, saying it gives hope for the resolution of violent conflicts in other parts of Africa and the rest of the world.

Addressing what organisers claimed were 250,000 pilgrims — hut looked less than 100,000 — at the Gosforth Park racetrack in this city east of Johannesburg, the Pontiff said the end of apartheid bad been a matter for rejoicing throughout the

"Seeing what is happening here, men and women of good will hope that in other parts of the continent too, and throughout the world, violence will give way to dialogue and agreement, and the lives of innocent men, women and children will no longer he in danger," the Pope said in a sermon delivered at an open air mass at the racetrack.

He said that a "new dawn of bope has risen" in Africa. "Much blood has been spilt on the soil of Africa," the Pope said. "The people of Africa have been painfully divided."

He invited Catholics to work for peace as be called for an end to conflict in Africa and in the Balkans. Peace is lacking in Eastern

Europe, and in Sudan, Algeria, Rwanda, Burundi and, because Africa, apartheid," be said.

The challenge facing the people of the continent, Pope John Paul II said, "is a

conversion to solidarity. marked by magnanamity. forgiveness and reconcilia-

"This is the only path out of the moral bankruptcy of racial prejndice and ethnic hatred," he said.

"The changed world situation has had a profound effect on Africa," the Pontiff added. "The time of ideological contrasts is over; the real problems of the peoples of Africa have to be tackled, available with resources."

He also praised the "irre-placeable" role played by women in Africa "in bumanising society" and urged them to be "teachers of peace" and to "serve peace by teaching respect and love

for every burnan being."

The Pontiff arrived at the racetrack at the head of a cavalcade of 12 cars and then made his way through the vast crowd aboard his "Popemobile," waving and offering blessings as he snaked his way around the buge field.

Already waiting in the VIP area were President Nelson Mandela - a Methodist who had arrived earlier by belicopter, Deputy Presi-dents Thabo Mbeki and Frederik De Klerk, Deputy Foreign Minister Aziz. Pahad, and other senior politicians, as well as bishops and cardinals from throughout southern Africa.

the assembly in Zulu, Southern Sotho, English and Afrikaans and was in turn greeted by Sotho praisesinger Anthony Khoali, clad in animal skins and beads, and by a group of Sotho traditional dancers.

The two-hour mass was then celebrated in English. Southern Sotho, Xhosa, Northern Sotho, Zulu, Pedi, Portuguese, Swazi and Afrikaans.

At the conclusion of the service, the Pope handed over his "apostolic exhortation," offering instruction based on the African Church Synod be chaired in Rome in 1994, to 12 representatives of the local church.

Pilgrims had travelled by coach from around the country and neighbouring states throughout the weekend, many arriving bere in the early hours of Sunday mom-

The Pope bad always refused to visit South Africa during the white-minority apartheid regime, being forced in 1988 to travel through the country to Lesotho when bad weather forced his plane to land in Jobannesburg.

In welcoming the 75-yearold Pope at the start of his three-day visit Saturday, Mr. Mandela said many South Africans had long yearned for a papal visit.

"To say the visit is long overdue is to pay tribute to your own abhorrence of the system of apartheid," Mr. Mandela said.

On Monday the Pone flies to Nairobi for the last leg of his three-nation African tour which began in the west African state of Cameroon

In May, fugitive financier

who enjoy the greatest sexual satisfaction. So dream on The male mind is simply not monogamous, but men

added.

PARIS (R) — The French Millers Association said breadmaking was endangered by the public's loss of appetite for traditional breads like the celebrated baguette. The association said French people each ate nearly a kilo (2.2 lb) of bread each day at the start of the century, only half a kilo (about a pound) daily in 1945 and now ate only a third of that quantity daily. The main culprits, it said, were the introduction into French diets of new breakfast foods such as cereals as well as claims by nutritionists in the 1970s and 1980s that bread was fattening.

Reeve making

NEW YORK (R) - Actor Christopher Reeve, paralysed since a riding accident in May, is making progress and is able to say "three or four" words at a time, his brother said in a television interview. Reeve, 42, can get around in an electric wheelchair he controls by blowing through a tube, said his brother, Benjamin Reeve, on American Journal, shown recently. The star of the Superman movies was injured in a horseback riding accident over the Memorial Day weekend in Virginia. The New York native has since been moved to a rehabilitation facilty in West Orange, New Jersey.

French filmmaker honoured

FRANKFURT (AP)

Jean-Luc Godard, French avant-garde filmmaker, is to be awarded the Adorno Prize for a lifetime of artistic achievement. officials said. Mayor Claudia Roth will present the 50.000 Mark (\$35,000) prize Sunday to Godard, 64year-old director of Breathless, My Life To Live, Every Man For Himself and 30 other films and video projects. Godard is "one of the great aesthetic avantgardists of the 20th centu-ry," said the award announcement from the city of Frankfurt. "His bravery and readiness to experiment, bringing him into constantly changing artistic terrain, has given film undreamed-of potential for expression and life." Frankfurt has awarded the Adomo Prize every three years since 1977 to reknowned artists and philosophers. Past winners include philosopher Juergen Habermas and con ductor and composer Pierre Boulez. The prize was created to bonour of Theodor W. Adorno, the German sociol; ogist who emigrated to the United States during the Nazi regime and returned after the war to Frankfurt.

U.N. General Assembly has Bosnia, nuclear issues, Pope on agenda

UNITED NATIONS (AFP)

— The U.N. General Assembly opens bere Tuesday with a full agenda involving peace measures for Bosnia, nuclear testing, the 50th anniversary of the organisation's founding, and

a visit by the Pope. A summit on Oct. 22-24 will bring 150 heads of govemment to the U.N. Headquarters in New York, where as every year, General Assembly debate will cover practically all international subjects - 164 are on the agenda. Debate will last until December.

Pope John Paul II is scheduled to address the Assem-.hly on Oct. 5 during a visit to New York.

Starting Sept. 25, several dozen foreign ministers will participate in a general debate that will include the world's ongoing conflicts, human rights issues, development, disarmament and nuclear testing.

France, as well as China, are awaiting resolutions condemning their recent nuclear tests. A number of

have spoken of their support for a resolution condemning the testing, and numerous other opponents of nuclear weapons will use the occa-

will preside.

The end of the status quo

Bosnian President Alija Izethegovic will speak hefore the General Assembly on Sept. 26. On that day. the foreign ministers of the

governments, including Australia, Japan and Chile,

main topic of discussion.

Russia has used the recent North Atlantic Treaty Organisation air strikes on Bosnian Serbs to lament that the United Nations bas lost control over the operations to bring the Serbs into line. in what it calls a violation of U.N. Security Council func-

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sion as a sounding board. Former Portuguese Deputy Prime Minister Diogo Freitas Do Amaral

in the former Yugoslavia. with the weakening of the Bosnian Serbs and growing chances for peace, will be a

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15 cnuntries represented at the U.N. Security Council

will meet and adopt a joint declaration, diplomats say. The 50th anniversary of the General Assembly meet-

ing will be clouded by the financial picture of the United Nations, whose belt is being tightened by the U.S. administration which thinks the world body could do with some spend-thrift mea-

It is certain that the question of enlarging the U.N. Security Council will be discussed. It currently has five permanent members — Britain, China, France, the United States and Russia. While almost no one agrees on how many or which countries should he admitted, Japan and Germany are among the most anxious contenders, and Italy their

strongest opposition. But India, Pakistan, Brazil and Argentina have also made cases for entry, either based on economic might or regional representation. Their candidacy is sure to be a hot topic for debate, diplo-

boys killed in Karachi KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)

has terrorised this southern port city in recent months.

Uzman Gbani, a senior

they said.

Javed died immediately. A passerby, Feroze Kanga, was killed in the cross fire.

Union president at the newly privatised Muslim Commercial Bank, Mr. Ghani gained national recognition as a labour leader 20 years ago when he led a campaign against a government scheme to

He was jailed several times for his union activi-

"He was a fine man, a gentleman. We don't know who killed him he never burt anyone," said Riaz Ahmed Khan, a close friend

The Aligarh Shopping

been any tension," said Mohammad Afzal, a store

Elsewhere in the city police found a bullet-riddled body of a teenage hoy bringing Sunday's death toll by midday to six.

Cuba reportedly arrests ex-CIA agent

WASHINGTON (R) — Convicted arms trafficker and former CIA agent Frank Terpil, who fled the United States in 1980, is under house arrest in Cuba, the Washington Post reported in its Sunday editions.

Quoting unidentified sources, the newspaper said Mr. Terpil, one of the most notorious fugitives from U.S. justice, was detained in Havana about three weeks

Cuban authorities were investigating his husiness practices on the island, according to the report from

Mr. Terpil fled the United

States in September 1980 in the face of charges he sold 10.000 automatic weapons to undercover police agents. He was convicted in absentia in 1981 in a New York state court and sentenced to 53 years in prison.

training terrorists in Lihya, and allegedly collaborated with another renegade CIA agent, Edwin Wilson, to sell millions of dollars worth of weapons and explosives to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi in the late 1970s.

U.S. officials told the Post that Cuhan anthorities had not informed them of Mr.

Terpil's detention. Mr. Terpil is the second major U.S. fugitive to be detained by Cuban authorities in the past few months.

Robert Vesco was arrested on charges of trying to cheat Mr. Terpil, 56, also was charged in federal court with the government of President Fidel Castro. One source quoted by the Post said Cuban authorities were conducting an ongoing investigation into Mr. Ter-

pil's activities.

Mr. Terpil worked as a courier and communications expert with the CIA from

1965 to 1972. Hong Kong hosts historic polls

Kong Sunday staged its freest elections in colonial history, but China showed its anger hy repeating vows to throw out the legislature when Beijing resumes power in 1997. Within an hour of the poll

opening China renewed its pledge that the Legislative Council being elected Sunday would be short-lived. For the first time in Hong Kong's 150 years of colonial rule, all 60 seats in the Legislative Council will be elected following controversial democratic reforms introduced by Governor

Chris Patten last year. China is furious that Mr. Patten, likely to be Britain's last governor in the colony. pushed through his reforms just before the transition in 1997.

In Sunday reports carried by Beijing's official Xinhua News Agency, China said Mr. Patten had contravened the Sino-British Joint Declaration on Hong Kong's

HONG KONG (R) - Hong future, the basic law, which is supposed to govern the colony after 1997, and agreements and understandings between China and Britain.
"The Chinese government

and the standing committee of China's National People's Congress have made it clear that Hong Kong Legislative Council, district boards and municipal councils elected under Mr. Patten's package will stop functioning in mid-1997 when China resonnes sovereignty over Hong Kong," the Xinhna report said.

A defiant Patten said the remarks were astonishing and showed Beijing was not in touch with Hong Kong

people.
"It seems to me to be an astonishing way to try to win the hearts and minds in Hong Kong to say, at the moment when the people in Hong Kong are taking part in the most credible and democratic election in our

give the whole thing the thumbs down," he told reporters.

"I think they should think again. I certainly think that they should get a little hit more into tune with what people in Hong Kong think and do." China, to the amazement of many, has not called for a

boycott of the polls. It urged

"patriotic" people to take

part and pro-Beijing candi-

dates are contesting many Voters had their minds oo 1997 as they cast their bal-

A schoolteacher who only gave his surname, Tang, said the elections would give Hong Kong a small taste of self-government even if

China carried out its threat. "The election is useful, but if the Chinese government threatens to abolish the legislature after 1997 at least the successful candidates can serve the public for two years before that," Tang ,55,

LONDON (AP) — The Duchess of York may move back to the estate she and Prince Andrew received as a wedding present, a newspaper report said Sunday - and that could lead to a reunion. "He wants me hack, I love him and we both love the girls,"the News Of The World quoted the former World quoten un stelling Sarah Ferguson as telling unidentified friends. don't know what's stopping

> and Prince Andrew had picked out a stable block on the Sunninghill Park estate to convert into a house for her and their two daughters, Princess Beatrice, 7, and Princess Eugenie, 5.

The newspaper said she

Queen Elizabeth 11 gave Prince Andrew the estate in southern England as a wedding present when he married in 1986. The couple has been separated since 1992. and the duchess was forced to move out of a bouse she was renting last year when the landlords opted to sell it. Prince Andrew still lives in

the estate's main house. Prince Andrew and the duchess were due to discuss particulars this week, the newspapers quoted her

friends as saying.

The two have been seen in public with increasing frequently. The whole family vacationed in Spain last month, and a photograph of the couple sharing a friendly laugh at a charity golf tour-

nament made front pages. The fact that they are no longer expected to perform

Paper: Duchess set to move back with Andrew official royal duties - the queen took them off the "civil list," the royal payroll, in 1992 - has eased the pressure on their marriage, the newspaper said.

Prince Andrew is now sup-

ported by his mother's pri-

vate income, and the

duchess makes an indepen-

dent living writing children's books. The report said the duchess' plan to rennite with her husband bad the support of Princess Diana. who is estranged from Prince

Andrew's older brother, Prince Charles. Nonetheless, the reunion may go no further than the family living together on the same estate, the friend said. And related by 199

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CANAVERAL, CAPE Florida (AP) - They did their best to get chilly in the freezing vacuum of space, staying in the shadow of the

Bnt to NASA's delight, Endeavour's two spacewalking astronauts kept warm Saturday thanks to new heated gloves, thermal socks, boot liners and toasty long underwear.
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is a mathematical and a management of the mathematical and the management of the mathematical and the mathematical + fortable," Michael Gernhardt said. "These gloves are working great. I'm

Gernhardt and James Voss spent nearly an hour each on the end of the robot arm, a raised 30 feet above the cargo bay in the coldest posapreves the quality of sible position to mimic a space station construction · site. The temperature dipped down to minus 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

One hy one, the spacewalkers remained motionless on the robot arm in an attempt to get cold — to no avail. Voss, in fact, had to turn off the fingertip heaters in his gloves at one point.

The two men were just as comfortable bustling around the cargo bay, although the thermometre down there registered a mere minus 75.

NASA wants as much practice as possible working in this deep-freeze environment before construction of an international space station begins in two years.

Officials estimate American astronauts will have to perform 200 to 250 hours of spacewalks per year from 1999 through 2001 to assemble and maintain the huge orbiting outpost. .. That's four to five times the amount performed in 1993, NASA's peak spacewalking year because of the Hubble space telescope repair mis-

Saturday's successful spacewalk 212 miles above earth eased some of the worries.

Unlike NASA's previous -spacewalk, cut short by astronauts' freezing fingers. Saturday's excursion lasted the full 6 hours.

"I have something to smile about," Voss said once he was back inside the crew

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) sped up production of the battery-heated gloves following February's frigid 'spacewalk and made other improvements to the 10.4 million spacesuits. Russian cosmonants don't seem to suffer from cold hands during spacewalks because of their thicker, but more cum-

bersome, gloves. As for station-style work, neither Gernhardt nor Voss had any trouble handling an aluminum shield similar to what will cover the Internasional Space Station to protect against tiny meteorites, or rolling up a sheet of ther-

Jenn Cue and add a mal insulation. 'a They used a variety of tools to lonsen and tighten fasteners and connectors at a work bench, all designed for station use. They also tead placards from varying distances to test their to other thine and on the improved helmet lights. It almost sounded as though they were visiting the eye

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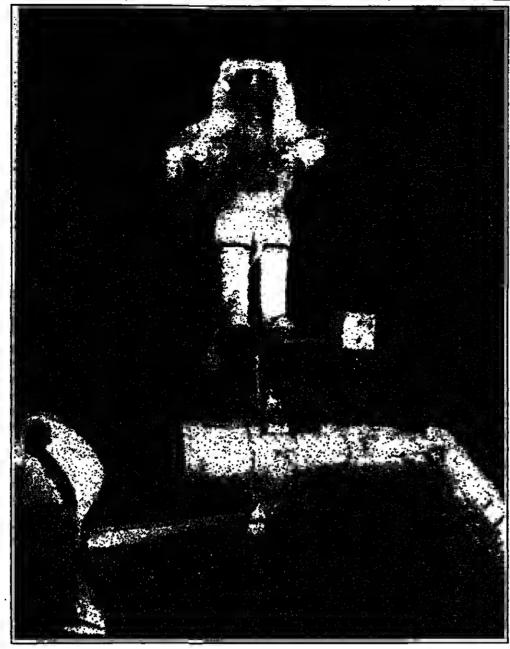
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Endeavour's five astronauts. They spent the past week reeling a pair of balky science satellites in and out of the cargo bay.



Astronaut James Voss waits on the space shuttle Endeavour's robot arm evaluating modifications on his space suit (AFP phnto)

French nuclear tests expected to dominate IAEA conference

VIENNA (AFP) — France's controversial resumption of nuclear weapons tests in the South Pacific will be high on the political agenda of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) general conference opening here

Of the 122 IAEA member countries, several have said they will take advantage of the five-day Vienna conference to express their opposition to the new series of underground tests on Mururoa Atoll in French Polynesia.

A regional group comprising Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Mexico and Chili has tabled a draft resolution expressing regret at the resumption of the tests. diplomats here said.

The text argues that the tests are unhelpful to the process of international disarmament and to the treaty of nnclear non-proliferation and that they contradict the spirit of the future nuclear

test han treaty. The resolution will be put to the vote at the general

The delegates will also

discuss a French request to the IAEA to send a scientific mission to Mururoa to test for radioactivity, once the series of nuclear tests begun on Sept. 5 is completed. Eleven IAEA countries

called Wednesday at a closed-door meeting of the the IAEA Governors' Council, for the right to monitor the results of any new study of radioactivity in the South

Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines and Ireland allowed to decide the conditions under which this new survey will be carried oot.

In a report published at the beginning of September by its Laboratory of Marine Environment in Monaco, the IAEA said there was no radioactive contamination of the marine environment round Mururoa.

The laboratory surveyed the area round the atoll last year from Sept. 26 to Oct. 10 - two years after the last French nuclear test.

Other issues to he discussed at the conference include the situation in Iraq after numerous United Nations and IAEA inspections aimed at preventing Iraq developing weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons. IAEA inspections of

nuclear facilities in North Korea will also be on the agenda. IAEA inspectors are permanently in North Korea to monitor the "freeze" of nuclear installations decreed hy Pyongyang under an agreement with the United States

North Korea agreed to halt its facilities in return for assistance in replacing its old-fashioned graphite reactors which produce large quantities of weapons-grade nranium, with safer lightwater reactors.

A special scientific project on the rehabilitation of the environment and the management of nuclear waste and on making nuclear reactors safer, will be organised on the sidelines of this 39th IAEA conference.

The conference opening Monday will include a message from U.N. Secretary-General Bourros Ghali and a speech by Director-General

Huge typhoon batters Tokyo area

TOKYO (R) — Typhoon Oscar, one of the strongest to hit the Tokyo region since World War II, huffeted Japan Sunday, forcing the cancellation of 200 airline flights and closing roads and railway lines.

Winds of up to 150 kilometres per hour lashed the Pacific coast, the Meteorological Agency said, but no major damage was reported as waves crashed against concrete wave breaks.

Flights from Haneda. Tokyo's domestic airport. were suspended and a spokesman for the international airport at Narita told Reuters nine departures and nine arrivals had been cancelled there.

Kyodo News Agency said a squid fishing boat with three crew had gone missing recorded in the morning, and

off the main southern island of Kyushu due to high waves. It also said that two people

had suffered minor injuries in Shizuoka and Kanagawa, prefectures west of Tokyo. and that six houses in the area had been damaged. Some 5,200 households in surrounding prefectures Tokyo experienced blackours due to damaged power lines, it said.

At 10 a.m. local time (0100 GMT), the centre of the typhoon was about 200 kilometres south of Tokyo, and heading north-northwest at 50 kph (30 mph), according to the Meteorological

At Miyake-Jima, an island south of Tokyo, a gust of 199 kph (125 mph) was

Choshi, a town northeast of Tokyo, saw a gust of 150 kph (94 mph), the agency said. The higgest gusts in central Tokyo were over 100 kph (65 mph).

Heavy rain fell in Tokyo and Yokohama and some parts of the region were expected to see up to 500 millimetres (20 inches) hy Monday morning.

Some Tokyo department stores said they had only 10 per cent of their usual customers for a Sunday morning, according to NHK Television.

Railway lines reduced or cancelled train services, and bullet trains reduced speed over some routes. Ferry services off the Tokyo coast were also forced to stop

Poll gives Spain's opposition party parliamentary majority

eral elections were to be held in Spain now, the rightwing opposition Popular Party (PP) would gain an absolute majority in parliament, an opinion poll estimated Sunday. The Sigma-Dos poll, pub-

lished in Sunday's edition of

MADRID (AFP) — If gen- the Madrid daily El Mundo, said the PP would gain 42 per cent of votes and the ruling Socialist Party (PSOE) 28.3 per cent. A left-wing coalition, Izquierda Unida (IU), would obtain 14.1 per

The figures meant that the PP would have an absolute

majority in parliament. The poll is the first to be published since the Catalan nationalist Convergencia I Union (CIU) party decided to withdraw its crucial parliamentary support for the beleaguered Socialists who have been hit hy a series nf

Balladur comeback adds to Juppe's problems

PARIS (AFP) - Failed presidential candidate Edouard Balladur is set to make a political comeback this week that could constitute a considerable nuisance for French Prime Minister Alain Juppe and his govern-

Former Prime Minister Balladur, who was defeated hy his "friend of 30 years" Jacques Chirac in presidential polls last May, was standing for re-election to the French National Assembly Sunday in hy-elections along with seven of his exministers.

Most of them backed Mr. Balladur over Mr. Chirac in the presidential hattle and their return to parliament could make life difficult for Mr. Juppe, who faces a crucial test Wednesday when be presents the country's 1996

Three of Mr. Balladur's closest ministers were also standing Sunday — his prescampaign spokesman Nicolas Sarkozy, the former budget minister, former Development Aid Minister Bernard Debre and Bernard Bosson.

Mr. Balladur and Mr. Sarkozy were standing in safe seats, the former in Paris and the latter in Neuilly-Sur-Seine, a western suburb of the capital, and hoped for election in the first round Sunday. But an expected high abstention rate could force them into a second

> Other Balladur supporters, including former Defence Minister Francois Leotard and Alain Lamassoure (European affairs), were expected to be elected Sunday after being forced into run-offs the previous week by record abstention rates -70 per cent in some con-

round poll on Sept. 24.

Under the French electoral system, ministers are obliged to hand over their parbamentary seats to substitutes, who must themselves resign if the ministers lose their portfolios, provoking hy-

Mr. Balladur returned to the hustings last week pledging to back "the nnity and the cohesion" of the ruling

Minister conservative coalition, consisting of the neo-Gaullist Rally For the Republic (RPR) and the centre-right Union for French Democra-

> cy (UDF). Mr. Sarkozy said there was "no alternative to the success of Jacques Chirac," but Mr. Balladur and his supporters were expected to provide only grudging support for Mr. Juppe, laced with plenty of criticisms.

The presidential hattle left wounds in the conservative coalition that have scarcely healed. Politicians who backed Mr. Balladur were excluded from ministerial portfolios while Mr. Juppe has been criticised for concentrating power in his own hands hy appointing lightweights to the defence and foreign affairs ministries.

In addition, he sacked the only heavyweight in his government last August -Finance Minister Alain Madelin - leaving himself in control of another key

Mr. Balladur's Socialist opponent in his Paris constituency, 37-year-old Laurence Dumont, said the former prime minister's main aim in seeking re-election was "to place himself at the head of a rebellion against Jacques Chirac".

Criticism of Mr. Juppe will be easy. The prime minister is faced with the next-toimpossible task of keeping Mr. Chirac's expensive cam-. paign promises — slashing France's nearly 12 per cent unemployment while cutting the budget deficit in order to keep the country on course for European Monetary Union with the aim of cutting the deficit to three per cent of GDP hy 1997.

On Wednesday Mr. Juppe's 1996 hudget will be presented to a cabinet meeting and the prime minister will address a meeting of parliamentarians of the ruling coalition on the budget and on his plans to reform the social security system, whose deficit is likely to reach 180 hillion francs (\$36 hillion) by the end of 1996 if no action is taken.

Marilyn batters Caribbean; heads out to sea

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (R) — Hurricane Marilyn toppled a four-story apartment block on St. Thomas, trapping 40 to 50 people, and killed three other people as it ripped through the Caribbean Saturday before moving out to open sea.

The U.S. Coast Guard conducted sea rescue operations late Saturday in St. Thomas Harbour in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where some 70 large hoats were destroyed and 60. to 70 people reported to be on life hoats or clinging to debris.

Winds of 110 mph (176 kph) battered the eastern point of Puerto Rico, sending 11,000 people into shelters and damaging or destroying 500 bomes before the storm moved out

Forecasters at the U.S. National Hurricane Centre said that at 11 p.m. edt (0300 GMT) Marilyn was 290 kilometres north-northwest of San Juan moving northwest at about 10 mpb (16

It appeared likely the burricane, which was moving into open water with sustained winds of 115 mph (185 kph), would skirt the eastern seaboard of the United States. In Washington, President

Bill Clinton declared a major disaster in Puerto Rico, a U.S. Territory, and the U.S. Virgin Islands and ordered federal aid to help recovery efforts. The Federal Emergency

Management Agency (FEMA) sent 200 people with emergency communication, power generation and other support equipment to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Main power lines were down in St. Croix and some structural damage was reported, including the island's water treatment

plant. FEMA had no word on attempts to rescue individuals trapped in the apartment building in St. Thomas, where 70 to 80 per cent of homes and haildings sustained heavy damage and many people were seriously injured. Approximately 4,000 rolls

of plastic sbeeting were sent to affected areas and provisions had been made for delivery of food, water, blankets, and portable toilets, FEMA said.

U.S. Coast Guard officials in San Juan said 100 patients were airlifted to Puerto Rico from St. Thomas's hospital, which suffered blown ont windows and flooding when battered by 127 mpb (204 kph) winds and heavy rains Friday.

St. Thomas lost electrical power and telephone lines Friday and its desalination plant was knocked out. Stores sold out of batteries, ice and other supplies and the island was placed under curfew, officials said. On St. Croix, trailer parks

were destroyed and roofs were ripped off many bouses, officials said.

Airports in St. Thomas and St. Croix were opened for flights late Saturday while the San Juan, Puerto Rico, airport was reported to be fully operational.

Some 424 shelters honsing 12,538 people were opened in Puerto Rico, where Marilyn caused landslides on two main highways and authorities sent disaster teams to the small islands of Vieques and Culebra to assess damage.

Police were deployed in Puerto Rico's main commercial centres to stop looters.

Puerto Rican Governor Pedro Rossello estimated at a news conference that 70 per cent of the homes on Cnlehra were destroyed or significantly damaged.

The wind was very strong, it sounded like a cat screaming," Ramona Carillo of Culebra told the San Juan Star.

Mr. Rossello said 80,000 people on Puerto Rico remained without water and 50,000 without electricity. Three highways remained closed because of landslides emergency and military and debris.

Suu Kyi: Be patient in bringing democracy to Burma

Malaysia (AP) - Suppressed Burmese opposition leader Aung San Snu Kyi is asking her conntry to be patient in bringing democracy to Burma as she tries to conperate with the junta that imprisoned her, according to an interview published Sun-

In an interview in the Malaysian newspaper the Sunday Star, Ms. Suu Kyi said the goal of her National League for Democracy (NLD), formed in 1988 remains the same: "To hring democracy to Burma."

In the interview, given at her residence in Rangonn last week, Ms. Suu Kyi, who was released from house

arrest on July 10, said she was aware some people were growing impatient and waiting for her to act. "There should be expecta-

tions, hut it should be tempered with an intelligent observation of the situation," she said. "the people ... have to learn to control their impatience," Ms. Suu Kyi said. The current military junta,

called the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), refused to hand over power to Ms. Suu Kyi's opposition party in 1990. when the NLD decisively won Burma's first multipar-

ty elections in 30 years. Instead, the junta arrested her and other opposition members and renamed the country Myanmar. Ms. Sun Kyi said that since ber release, she has

been very busy recousolidat-

ing the NLD and meeting with political, nonpolitical and student groups.
"The people all want democracy and a system in

keeping with the will of the people," sbe said. She said she is prepared to work with the junta to achieve a democratic gov-

ernment. "The military did say their aim was to bring democracy to Burma. So if we have a common aim, then we should work together," she

said, adding without elabo-

ration that she bas a "line of

ruling SLORC.

Ms. Snu Kyi said she and ber colleagues have no bitterness over their imprisonment "because we managed to strengthen ourselves with all the problems we had to face and the sufferings we had been subjected to. She has no intention of

going to her bushand's home in Britain or elsewhere because the government might not let her hack into Burma. "It does not make me feel restricted because my work is here (in Burma)," sbe said.

She said it was not necessarily the NLD's intention to obtain power in its efforts to bring democracy to Burma.

Bangladesh remains paralysed by marathon strike

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh was Sunday in the tight grip of a crippling strike for the second day, the latest opposition effort to oust the government and force early elections.

Residents of the capital, Dhaka, woke up late with no hurry to go to their offices, children enjoyed a boliday with schools sbut while transports remained off the streets, police and witnesses

Sunday is a working day in Bangladesh.

Thousands of police and paramilitary troops enforcing tight security in the strike-bound city of nine million ducked under roadside sheds or under trees as moderate rain swept the capital early Sunday.

"It's the dullest but most successful strike," said a police officer commading a platoon of specially trained a few pickets here and there riot police in the city's Ramna area. He said fewer rickshaws

ventured onto the streets Sunday apparently for lack of passengers. "I guess half of the population have either left the city on an enforced boliday or stayed home," said the officer who asked not to be named

Many government officials also abandoned plans to walk to their offices after pro-strike activists stripped several of them almost nude Saturday, police said.

Reporters in major Bangladeshi cities including the port of Chittagong and the southern industrial city of Khulna said the strike was "absolutely total" after the first 24 hours.

"It's a spontaneous stoppage. There is little effort to enforce the strike with only

and the number of explosions much less than during previous strikes," one Chittagong official said.

The 72-hour strike, which began at 6 a.m. Saturday, was called by major opposition parties, including the Awami League, in their ongoing effort to force Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to step down and allow early elections under a neutral caretaker administration.

Mrs. Khaleda, elected in 1991 in what were billed as Bangladesh's first free polls, bas refused to bow out.

Nearly 60 people were injured Saturday as pickets attacked a train at Narayanganj near Dhaka. Six others were wounded when a bomb, packed with metal fragments, exploded in the capital, witnesses said.

Newspapers Sunday said up to 200 people had been injured in sporadic violence across the country on the first day of the stoppage. Trains, buses and ferries

mostly did not move Sunday, transport officials said. But airline flights were expected to operate, they said.

Awami League chief Sbeikh Hasina, arch-rival of Mrs. Khaleda, urged the prime minister Sunday to give up ber "craze for power" and hand over nower to the chief justice before the country was pushed into hig-

ger turmoil. "People have given a clear verdict against your government by spontaneously responding to strikes. You must realise it now," Mrs. Hasina said in a newspaper statement.

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Lost in the diaspora

THE FAILURE of last week's meeting by the four-party committee on the displaced persons coincided with the expulsion by Llbya of hundreds of Palestinians to demonstrate in unamhiguous terms the pressing need for an equitable and quick solution to the plight of Palestinian refugees. What the failure of the meeting did was highlight the intransigence of Israel in addressing one of the most significant dimensions of its occupation of Arab lands. The dilemma of the Palestinians who were expelled from Lihya and who have been stranded in the waters of the sea and the sands of the desert says volumes about the duty of the Arab countries and the international community in putting pressure on Israel to agree to a workahle solution to the refugees and displaced persons' problems.

U.N. resolutions and international law prescribe solutions to these issues. Israel is legally ohliged to allow for the return of the displaced persons and to recognise the right of the refugees to either return or compensation. Hiding behind the pretexts that what is lacking is a mechanism for the repatriation of the displaced persons defies logic. If the right of return is recognised, the mechanism for attaining this right becomes a technical matter which experts can settle. But obviously it is more than technicalities that define the Israeli position. The Jewish state wants to minimise the number of people who can return to their land. Thus procrastinating is one tool that Israel is using to force the Palestinians and host countries of displaced persons into making concessions. That effort should not be allowed to succeed.

But until the issue is resolved, the Arab nd other countries hosting refugees have a responsibility to provide them with the decent life to which all human beings are entitled. Nothing can justify the refusal of some Arab countries to host the Palestinians who were expelled from Libya, especially when those Palestinians carry travel documents that were issued by them. Leaving the Palestinians to suffer under the heat of the desert or floating aimlessly in the sea is a cruelty that can be neither understood nor condoned.

The only acceptable long-term solution to the plight of Palestinian refugees and displaced persons is a recognition of their right to return and finding the means to exercise this right. But until this happens, there is no reason why refugees who have heen residing in some countries for decades should not enjoy the citizenship of the host states. This would in no way jeopardise the chances for an acceptable solution to their tragedy. When such a solution is finally found, the Palestinians can choose whether they want to go back to their homeland or stay in their countries of residence.

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A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily said Sunday that excepfor Jordan, Arab countries are unwilling to accept Palestinians evicted from Lihya. Fahed Al Fanek said that Jordan has been accepting Palestinians expelled from Palestine and Kuwait and welcomed expellees from Libya with temporary Inrdanian passports and it has been doing so out of humanitarian reasons. Likewise, the Bosnian refugees have been accepted by several European countries because they are Europeans and nut of humanitarian considera-tions, he added. Saying that Syria, and Lebanon bave refused to accept the Palestinians who were expelled from Libya, the writer said that this stand is causing additional suffering to the Palestinians and creating new tragedies for them although the Palestinians have no ambition to create a substitute homeland for themselves in the Arab countries. Perhaps the Libyan leader has resorted to such move to take revenge on President Yasser Arafat for concluding a deal with the Israelis nn the self-rule areas and perhaps the Libvan expulsion order was taken in a fit of anger on the part of President Muammer Qadhafi or even to please certain world powers, said the writer. He said that by expelling the Palestinians, who are stranded at sea and in the desert, the Libyan leadership has committed an inhuman act tantamount to executing thousands of unfortunate Palestinian families.

COMMENTING ON the Ministry of Public Works' eclared intention of charging road tolls on cars using artain highways, a writer in Al Dustour said the collection should be solely used for the purpose of maintaining roads. Mnhammad Subeihi said that the public can be charged for using the roads if the roads are if high and international specifications and are provided with various services. The writer said that should the system be applied, the Ministry nf Public Yorks is expected to follow modern techniques as in controlling the collection of toll and in guaranteeing mergency assistance to the road users in case of accidents.



Why liberalism isn't allowed to die

By Michael Wines

WASHINGTON — YDD probably think liberalism dried up and blew away years agn. There was Genrge McGovern, but Richard Nixon clobbered him. Then Spiro Agnew worked liberals over really good, before he quit. Then Ronald Reagan, in '84, had Walter Mondale for lunch. Micbael S. Dukakis, be actually said "I'm a liberal" — this was nn televisinn and even though he added right away that be was a Truman or Kennedy-type liberal and not some dopesmoking bomb-tbrower who took over Berkeley, be

got clobbered worse than McGovern. Bill Clinton ran against bberalism, and is still in the doghouse for being too liberal. Hubert Humphrey

is dead. You probably think liber-

alism is, too. Boy, are you wrong. It is living the good life in, get this, the bearts and minds of conservatives.

This may seem strange, because conservatives were kind of like the big comet that wiped out the liberal dinosaurs in the elections last fall. But try to find a conservative this summer, especially one looking for a bigger job, who isn't reading "Jurassic Park" over a liberals bave been cloned and are scaring the living daylights out of people.

Look at Senator Bob Dole, the candidate for president, from Kansas. Last week, be told the American Legion that the "liberal academic elite" is wrecking American culture by letting schools teach immigrant kids in their own languages instead of English and by rewriting history books to "glorify other . cultures" and wage "war on traditional American

"The keys to our unity are under attack from our

government and from intellectual elites whn seem embarrassed by America," he said. "What we see as opportunity, they see as oppression. Where we see a proud past, they see a legacy of shame. Where we see a proud past, they see a legacy of shame. What we hold as moral truth, they

call intolerance." This was pretty rough stuff, but Mr. Dole is still new at this. Newt Gingrich, who was conservative before conservative was cool, socked liberals nine times in nne speech to Republicans this summer, including a poke at "liberal goo-

This month Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, who wants to be president, called Mr. Clinton "the last president of the liberal era." This even though Mr. Clinton had just showed that be was not, either, by telling a story about bow liberals used to think people on welfare shouldn't have to work — bah! — "but now almost nobody does." Think that, be does.

meant, Republicans even use the L-word against other Republicans. Pete Wilson, the California governor, said last week that Mr. Dole shouldn't be president because he makes "conces-Mr. Dole unloaded on Mr. Wilson and called him "one of the most liberal Republicans ever to seek national office." And Lamar Alexander, trailing Mr. Wilson in the White House race, through one of his campaign gofers, called him "a big-taxing, big-spending liberal Republican."

Anyway, yon get the idea. Mr. Reagan attacked tax-and-spend liberals and turned politics upside-down doing it, but, to be fair, there were a lot mure liberals around then. Now liberals are scarce as chicken lips, but conservatives

sound like Reagan cubed. Hard to figure, on the face of things. But bere are a few theories as to why both political parties think this all may make perfect

Liberals are still in charge. Conservatives may bold more seats in Congress and sell more books. But the big Federal bureaucracy that liberals built is still there, and until it is blown up, the joh isn't dnne. This is wby Mr. Dole warned that anything the govern-ment touches is "ripe for infection.

In this view, modern politics is like the old movie 'Alien," where the conservatives are Sigourney Weaver, trying to run a tight spaceship, hut the crew - they're the voters, see - is in danger of being taken over by these snakelike creatures that have been hiding in the ceiling all

You do not have to believe liberals are snake-like to see that conservatives believe government is the last stronghold of liberalism and its legacy. And many voters agree, even though they don't want to give up the bberal Medicare and welfare and retirement benefits that are most of government's business these

"In every post-election poll since 1968, the major grievance people have about the Democratic Party is that they see it as a topdown, big bureancratic entity," said Ted Van Dyk, a Democratic strategist who was a Humphrey adviser. "We're all seen as little Lyndon Johnsons, the people who passed out all the stuff that bas to be revised because it got out of con-

trol."
Conservatives need a good enemy. It is tough to run a revolution without something revolting around

to overturn, says Ken Kashigian, a California Re-publican strategist. The liberal threat is and insecurity blanket.

'Republicans aren't so used in controlling Congressional committees and the agenda, and I think part of this is that they're afraid all nf this is going to be suddenly taken away," he

This doesn't mean that the liberal threat does not exist. Mr. Kashigian said that it does, likening it to a big bear hibernating in the woods, not snakes in a space-ship, "The bear may not be lurking around in February," he said. "But be's hiding. He's waiting for the spring thaw."

This is politics, dummy. Maybe the liberal threat is snakes, or maybe it is a bear. Or maybe it is a Hnllywood dinosaur, trotted out to give everybody a few safe goosebumps before being hauled backstage for another few years. Whatever, to win primaries a candidate has to appeal to party diebards, who actually care enough to vote. And most diebards care because they are at war against some alien ideology.

"When you're talking to Republican primary voters; you're talking to Republican activists, and Republican activists have had it with liberalism. When you talk to them, you have to light their fire," said Peggy Noonan. Mr. Reagan's speecbwriter. "Just as you're for motherhood and apple pie, it's important to remember that we are united against liberalism. Even though there are no liberals anymore."

Oh, one other thing. It worked for the Democrats. "We ran against Herbert Hoover for 50 years," Mr. Van Dyk said. "Some guys are still running against Hoover.

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Human Rights File

By Dr. Waleed Sa'di

The right to speak your mother tongue

I WAS naturally taken by surprise when I first heard that certain Republican quarters are pushing for making English the official language of the U.S.

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official language of the country ever since its creation, What seems to trouble many Americans is the creeping use of languages of the than English even for official use. It has become evident that in California, for example, the use of Spanish has superseded English in many areas as the

working language for conducting even official husiness.

With wave after wave of new emigrants flooding the
country and insisting on retaining their cultural roots and languages, the country began in look mire like a hybrid than a unified country with a distinct culture and political heritage. This, many Americans are now saying, is certainly divisive and could end up becoming a time bomb that could destroy the nation. Such voices draw heavily on the experiences of Canada where the policy of promnting diversity has meant the near breakup of the country alnng ethnic and language lines. Instead of promoting diversity, many Americans are calling for the promotion of com-munality by making English the unly official language of their nations. If new immigrants wish to speak their mother tongue and retain their unique culture and heritage, they should have noted, so the argument goes, to stay in their bomeland instead of emigrating to another country which admittedly has its own unique national culture and herit-

I must say that I personally agree with the American argument that there must be one official language for their country as a tool to encourage the establishment of a national culture and the forging of a unified nation. If people choose to leave their nriginal country for whatever reason, they owe it to their new country to become integrated into its mainstream by speaking its language and adapting to the new cultural, economic and political milieu as quickly as possible. There is no sense in people emigrating to the U.S., Canada or Australia and insisting

on maintaining their original identities. People have a natural right to be proud of their nwn language and heritage, but the best way to express this attachment is to stay in their country of origin no matter how big temptations to live somewhere else permanently

I see therefore no problem with the desire of many Americans to make their language the official and working language of all the peoples who make America their adopted nation. We are not talking here about minority rights of original minorities living in a certain country Minorities bave certain rights to their language, religion and culture and these rights are well-protected under

various buman rights instruments and conventions. People emigrating to other countries cannot be viewed as minorities in the sense the term is used in buman rights treaties. It would be interesting to pursue this point in buman rights committees so that the international community would benefit from their ruling. I am not aware of any such judgement by any international human rights fora, but I presume that when the issue is brought up. there would be a decision against granting emigrants absolute right to use their respective languages in their adopted country, especially when it comes to conducting official

Juppe austerity gives trade unions cause to rally members

By John Follain

PARIS — The pioneers of France's trade union movement turn a weary hundred this week, grateful that ansterity dictated by the con-servative government bas given them a cause with which to rally their dwindling

membership. Both the communist-led Confederation Generale du Travail (CGT) and the splinter, left-leaning Force Ouv-riere (FO) uninn had planned ritual anniversary celebrations in the city of Limoges, where the impassinned con-gress that founded their

movement took place. But Prime Minister Alain Juppe's pledge of a tight rein on the wages of five milbon civil servants next year bas abruptly changed the tone of the anniversary.

In Limnges, a hastilycalled protest march has been grafted on to a period costume pageant tracing unionist victories since the September 1895 congress.

"The celebratinn was going to be festive. Now it's going to be a day of protest. We will take the anniversary opportunity to stage a strong demonstration," said FO official Jean Jayer, in charge nf the celebratinn!

France's leading unions the CGT and FO are among the most militant - have threatened to stage a strike in mid-October if Mr. Juppe does not relent. Marc Blondel, the comba-

tive FO leader, was quick to raise the banner of workers rights. He accused Mr. Juppe of betraying promises made during the spring presidential election campaign and

branded him a reactionary. Bebind the fighting talk,

bowever, is a labour movement that is shedding many of its members, partly because of the death of traditional bastions such as coal. steel and shipyards.

Although unions bave traditionally suffered from weak membership — save for 1936 wben the popular front insti-tuted paid holidays and for 1945 when the war ended the ratio of paid-up members as a share of the workforce has shrunk by two thirds

since 1974 to eight per cent. The CGT, which boasted more than two million members in 1976, recently acknowledged that it bad fallen to an historic low of 630,000 - relegating it to second place behind the pro-socialist

FO clings to its claimed one million members. "In saying that, I lie no more and no less than others," says Mr. Blondel. Observers put the real number closer tn 400,000 at best.

Reflecting further apathy nn wnrk-related issues, French wage-earners abstain in ever-greater numbers in elections for workers' councils and labour courts.

"Trade uninns have been hit by the loss of their industrial bastions and the crisis of communism," said lahour historian Michel Dreyfus, au-

thur uf a book on the CGT. 'But they have also suffered from the rise in unemployment and part-time work, and the privatisation drive which has changed the public sector where unions

were nften strong."
The once-powerful labour federations are also paying the price for the divisions that have plagued the movement since World War II, many of them fuelled by outdated ideological conflicts.

CORRECTION

IN THE article "Women and China - majic of Beijing '95" (Jordan Times, Sept. 17) the last sentence in the 11th paragraph should bave read: But one form of communications, the most silent of all, was heard above all shouts and reached beyond all pamphlets. The first sentence in the following paragraph should have read. These were the banners woven by wnmen in rural and urban areas all over the planet, entrusting their toil and their art to carry their

Portugal's socialists see power within their grasp

By Richard Waddington Reuter

LISBON - For the first time in a decade, Portugal's oppositinn Socialist Party has a real chance of returning to power in elections on Octo-

Like Germany's Sucial Demucrats and Britain's Labour Party the centre-left in Portugal suffered years of electural eclipse, shut nut by a combination of a conservative mood gripping Europe into the 1990s and a powerful ruling figure. But Prime Minister Anibal

Cavaco Silva, who along with Germany's Helmut Kobl is one of Europe's longestserving heads of government, is not leading the centre-right Social Democratic Party (PSD) into battle this time.

The change of guard, with the PSD leadership passing to the less charismatic Fernando Nogueira, the cold but authoritative Cavaco Silva's ling-time number twn, seems to have helped nudge the political barometer the socialists' way.

Most polls put them ahead of the PSD and even the surveys that say it is too close to call show a personal preference amongst voters for socialist leader. Antonin

An opinion poll published by the TSF Radio and the Diario de Noticias newspaper three weeks before the vote gave both parties 35 per cent. enterprise culture that Cava-But 47 per cent of those co Silva built."

questioned thought Mr. Guterres would make the better prime minister against only 37 per cent for Mr. Noguiera, the former defence "I would not bet my mort-

gage nn them hut they (the socialists) bave gnt their campaign nff tn a great start," said one Lisbon diplomat. Right now they would seem to have their noses in front." In 1991 the Socialist Party was humiliated by Mr. Cavaco Silva as he rode the wave nf new prosperity that fol-

lowed Portugal's entry to the European Union in the mid-The socialists collected just 29 per cent of the vote, one of their worst performances since democracy arrived in Portugal with the 1974 revolution, while the PSD took

more than 50 per cent for the second successive election. Since then they have elected a new leader, worked hard to brighten up their image and come up with a set of policies to reassure the cautious Portuguese that there will be no big lurch to

the left. "The central problem (for the socialists) is to convince people that the party has changed its spots," said another European diplomat based in Lisbon.

"People don't want some old-style Socialist Party which moves away from the

The party's campaign has stressed a commitment to the European Union, still a popular cause with the Portuguese, and a determination to stick to economic targets on the budget and inflation that must be met to ensure a place in the EU's plans for a future monetary uninn. But it has sought to serve

the tough economic medicine with a smile, promising actinn to improve Portugal's education system, particularly at pre-school level where the country lags behind its major European partners. It is also committed to introducing a so-called "minimum wage" around 17,000 escudos (\$110) a month

which would be paid to the very poor with no other visible source of income. "We offer change but no rupture. This is no leap in the dark," said parliamentary candidate Antonio Vitorino who took a leading role in

drawing up the programme. "We bave got rid of statist views and substituted the market values of the economy with social equity,".be

Unlike last time when the economy was only just starting to slow after years of growth of around 4.5 per cent per year, the election takes place when the recession of the early 1990s is still a vivid memory.

"The first four years of Mr. Cavaco Silva were undoubtedly a success but the second term did not turn nut as he promised. Now people want a change," said Mr. Vitorino. But increasingly Portu-

guese elections are becoming virtual presidential contests, focused beavily on the personality and style of the party leaders And this could prove a winner, or a loser, for the power-bungry socialists.

Mr. Guterres, a 45-year-old engineer, bubbles with ideas and confidence. Unlike Mr. Nugueira, who huilt his political career inside the party machine, Mr. Guterres is a member of parliament fully at ease in public debate or at election rallies.

In a country that has traditionally respected strong, austere leadership, bis effervescence and speed of tongue have been branded as

There have been occasional public "gaffes" to add to the doubts. One such lapse occurred

during a television debate when Mr. Guterres said longer prison terms for drugs dealers would be one of bis government's main weapons in a promised war on crime. When asked, he could not

say how long jail sentences currently were for drugs off-"Sometimes he gives the impression of being too clever by half and the Portuguese don't like that," one diplo-

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rights," said Sharif Zeid. Any person who feels he has been done injustice should resort to the Inspection and Control Byreau and if he is unsatisfied (with its handling of the issue) he should resort to court," prime minister told law makers.

But to go on making accusations, said Sharif Zeid. will only harm national unity and creat disturbances in soicety.

The committee, whose report was read out at the house by leftist deputy Haddadin, said that the government should not make any arrests without obtaining a warrant from the prosecutor

IAF deputy Hammam Said

House panel report sparks confrontation (Continued from page 1) called for the release of detainees he claimed are in every citizen has a constitu-Jordanian jails while his coltional right. The Constituleague Abdul Munem Abu tion, and laws protect these

Zant urged opposition deputies to resign from Parliament in protest against the government's alleged violations of the law.

Sharif Zeid said he has issued instruction which will guarantee that no citizen is arrested before obtaining permission form the persecutor general. 'Bnt responding to criticism by the committee's

reports and opposition deputies about the government's banning of public meetings, Sharif Zeid said the government bans only meetings which "violate the law and barm national secu-

The committee's report also urged the government to ensure the neutrality of its

departments in public elections and to make sure that the security apparatus does not violate the human rights

Those responsible for human rights violations should be held accountable in accordance with the law, opposition deputies

Bnt centrist deputies stood by the government in arguing that illegal acts should be stopped and violators of the law should be stopped. from harming the country and its interests.

Those deputies said that

democracy "should not be exploited to achieve illegal objectives" adding that all citizens enjoy freedoms within the limits of the law. The centrist deputies said there were some "insignifi-

cant" excesses in the gov-

ernments acts but contended

that these acts do not threaten democracy and praise the security forces for protecting the interests of the King-

Sunday's session witnessed the strongest confrontation between the government and the opposition deputies in the extraordinary session during which the House passed the controversial legislation ending the economic and trade boycott of Israel. Law makers also endorsed a new investment and income tax laws that are geared at making the economic reforms necessary to create a more favourable investment environment in

the Kingdom. The House should reconvene in an ordinary session in October but observers expect the session to be postponed for a period of

Sharif Zeid rejects deputies' allegations

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to differentiate between false rumours and truth.

But when matters come to a head, and this seldom happens, the violators are referred to the indiciary and this is the most ideal democratic method in handling violations or crimes," be

"It is regrettable that those who day and night call for democracy themselves consider resorting to the judiciary as an offence whereas the government does not consider the matter so whenever citizens take the government to court," he added. "Indeed it is ideal to resort to court and to the right responsible authority for the sake of ensuring the right application of

Voicing appreciation of a clause in the committee's report which stressed that freedom does not mean chaos and confusion and condemned all unconstitutional acts and illegal actions, Sharif... Zeid said that the govern-

done any illegal actions, wbether committed by an ordinary citizen or an official.

He said it was unfortunate that some deputies tend to level accusations at random, condemning officials before a court ruling or verdict has been passed.

Urging the deputies and the citizens to resort to democratic means while dealing with all issues, Sharif Zeid said that all citizens are responsible for democracy. Sedition and dissension can harm to all people," he said.

With reference to the question of passports about which the committee report and the deputies made remarks the prime minister made it clear that it is the right of every citizen to Jordanian nationaland any injustice done in this matter should be referred to the judiciary, especially in cases where passports have been withdrawn without legal justification.

"To raise the subject on different occasions and various forums will harm national unity and cause a social imbalance that could shake the foundation of the said the prime

"Any person who feels be suffered injustice should resort to the Inspection and Control Bureau and if he is unsatisfied be should resort to court," he added.

'Nationality is a sensitive subject, and the government refuses to see this question subjected to debate because every citizen bas a constitutional right. The Constitution and laws protect these rights," said Sbarif Zeid, adding that Jordan bas opened the door for all Arabs and Muslims as a safe haven in line with the principles of the Great Arab Revolt.

The prime minister announced that be had instructed the concerned authorities to refrain from arresting any person except upon an order from the public prosecutor and that all the provisions of the law should be implemented in terms for said.

releasing detainees or referring them to court.

Referring to public meetings, he said the government believes in the freedom of meetings which are legally held and in accordance with rules. The government will not stop any meetings except those which violate the law and barm national security in conformity with the committee's recommendation, he

As to the case of the Mnta University — involving a plot against the life of His Majesty the King — the government is conducting a full examination of the moral and material rights of the various parties involved, Sharif Zeid

The prime minister called on the deputies to promote cooperation with the govern-

The process of construction is bard and arduous, requiring cooperation from all so that Jordan can become a model of democracy," be

U.S. optimistic of MENA summit success

leaders were a clear indica of the interest by the public as well as the private sectors in the opportunities avall-

Ms. Spero also noted that American investors -- with between \$400 billion and \$500 billion worth of funds under their control - were alteady meeting in Amman, looking at investment possibilities. She was referring to meeting that began on Saturday under the theme "New Opportunities in Ancient Lands," which grouped about 50 U.S. pen-

sion funds. The very fact that the group was meeting in Amman was another reaffirmation of the interest of the business community, said Ms. Spero, who addressed the gathering Sunday moring.

Ms. Spero rejected reports that an agreement had been reached in secret between Egypt and the United States under which a proposed Mideast development bank, one of several institutions designed to help finance regional economic development, would be based in Egypt.

"No final decision has been taken" on the issue, as late as Friday, when an inter-Francis of the state of the sta national task force on the proposal, met in Rome, said Ms. Spero. "The articles of reactive to the phane the bank have not been finalised....and it is not known yet who is coming in," she added. The group will meet again in Washington, where a decision will be taken for and the grant had formal announcement at the Amman conference.

According to Ms. Spero, the control of the labour the final decisions on three regional institutions, including the development bank, a World Wit Hamman regional business council and a regional tourism council -that will help transnational tourism" - will be announced at the MENA summit, "a won-'derful marketing opportunity for the region."

> The American official .also played down European: reservations over the proposed bank and asserted that as far as she knew the project was going ahead and that the door will be left open for those who did not want to join it in the initial stage. As

(Continued from page 12) far as the wealthy Gulf states but their interest will be conare concerned, she said, "they baven't said yes, (but) they haven't said no" either.

> In opening comments at the press conference, Ms. Spero said: "Peace and security are closer to realisation today than any other time in modern history."

> Emphasising that the progress made in the peace process so far "needs to be consolidated and expanded," Ms. Spero said the U.S. was aware that "peace cannot last without concrete benefits that are only possible through increased Irade, investment entrepreneursbip."

Ms. Spero highlighted the material and human resources of the MENA region. but said the full potential of these - in addition to "its rich culture and history" and critical transportation routes" -- could not be realised because of conflicts "as well as statist and protectionist" economic policies.

The concept for the Amman summit, she said, "is private-public partnership." with the private sector providing entrepreneurial talent, investment capital and technical expertise and the government improving the economic environment through "liberalising trade policies, privatising industry and improving the investment cli-

The groundwork for business economic development is being laid through several means, she said. These inctuded setting up the three regional institutions -- with public and private sector participation -- encouraging regional countries to liberalise economies and develop a free market approach to development, deepening contacts between the public and private sectors as well as within the private sector, and preparing actual development projects

in the region. "We expect that there will be an emphasis on projects involving more than one country in the region," said Ms. Spero. However, that does not mean that American or other businessmen may not take an interest in infrastructure projects in Jordan,

tingent on the financial returns of the projects. These could include public utilities owned and operated by the private sector under specific

agreements with the govern-

ment, she said.

The Amman summit. which will be more focused than the 1994 Casablanca summit - where the concept of public-private sector partnership in economic development was first introduced and will deal in depth with trade and industry, infrastructure and finance and the ecoane summit will offer

opportunities for businessmen and government decision-makers to exchange views and experiences, "pursue opportunities and fullow-up on deals," said Ms. "We in the United States

have no illusions that pros-

perity will come quickly or easily to the region," said Ms. Spero. "The road to economic development is a difficult one. However, the event in Amman will provide opportunities and incentives to start the process."

French minister arrives today

(Continued from page 12) ment between Jordan and France to replace a 1965 accord.

According to the spokesman, the fact that Mr. De Charetie chose to visit Egypt and Jordan — the two Arab countries have signed peace agreements with Israel - "is indicative of the importance France attaches to the Middle East peace process."

The minister believes that "he has a lot to learn from the experiences of the two countries, which have greatly contributed to peace in the Middle East," and also wants to hear from the leaders of the two countries their views on other regional issues as well, the spokesman told the Jordan Times.

The situation in Iraq is also expected to be discussed in detail in the wake of the recent developments, including the defection of a highranking Iraqi official. Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel, to Jordan.

Mr. De Charette or any other members of the delega- Tuesday.

tion accompanying him would not be meeting the defector, nor had they sought such a meeting, said the spokesman.

The delegation will include Dennis Bauchard, who now heads the Middle East and North Africa desk at the French foreign ministry, the spokesman of the ministry and other senior ministry

On the new cultural agreement, the embassy spokes-man noted that Jordan and France signed their first accord on cooperation in cultural affairs in 1965 when Charles de Gaulle was president of France.

'Since then a' lot of things have happened and we need to update the agreement to include more areas of cooperation in the field of culture - archaeology for example." said the spokesman.

Mr. De Charette arrives late Monday and will be the guest of honour at a dinner hosted by Sharif Zeid before launching official talks early

Expulsions not on agenda

(Continued from page 12) "The UNHCR has made the decision to send emergency aid, particularly medical supplies." Panayotis Moumtziz. UNHCR foreign rela-

tions head, said. We want to start sending assistance immediately. But we are waiting for permission from the Egyptians to cross into no-man's land. So far we have received no response to our request," Mr. Moumtziz

Mr. Moumtziz, who visited Salloum on Thursday, said the UNHCR requested permission from Egypt to provide aid to the stranded "two weeks ago, but Cairo refused, denying there was a

problem at the border." The UNHCR has contacted Amman to gain permission for the Palestinians to cross Jordanian territory 104 the West Bank, he said.

takes the five-shekel (\$1.66) fee from visitors and writes up small papers inscribed with prophesies and Koranic verses that they carry away.

City, women in long veils huddle around the tiny fi-gure on Um Mohammad, inched oo the dirt floor. When the shrivelled mystic looks up, there is fire in Although ber specialty is

'Swallow your tongues,' she hisses in Arabic to the women begging to be next in line for ber psychic reading. "Move away, wait your

Every morning, bundreds of Gazans crowd into Um Mohammad's makeshift office in a Gaza slum seeking cures for laziness, depression, spoiled marriages. failed businesses or just plain bad luck.

By Pamela Druckerman

Renter

GAZA - In the basement

of a bare building in Gaza

Like other psychic seers in the strife-ridden Gaza Strip, the shrouded woman waving her arms and muttering Koranic verses offers a semblance of order in an uncertain world.

"They come to get reco-vered," explains Abdullah, Mobammad's cousin and mformal bookkeepers who

Some people are inhabited by evil devils," says Abdullah. "We recover and reveal the secret."

exorcisms, many of Um Mohammad's remedies smack of textbook psychol-The wife of a man who

bad just fled to the West Bank with his lover listened intentiv as Um Mohammad spoke woman-to-woman. "Live your own life and forget all about this man,

advised the seer, rolling up a note inscribed with Koranic verses and pressing it to her forebead. "I'm telling you, he is a womaniser, there is something bad in Afterwards, a woman

complaining of laziness leaned her bead against the wall to hear the mystic's singular solution. "If you eat an egg, just

eat one egg. If you bave a banana, just have one banana," she said.

Strife-ridden and poverty-stricken

Gazans seek some psychic relief

There are just two hospitals and a smattering of psychological care for Gaza's one million Palestinian residents. The herbal remedies and mystic wisdom of seers like Um Mohammad are for some their only "medical" treat-

With unemployment at around 50 per cent and extended families living crammed into overcrowded neighbonrbood, many say the stress of daily living particularly under Israeli occupation, which ended last year — requires a supernatural solution.

"The Palestinian people were like being in jail, they had nothing to do, nothing to think about, so they were thinking about each other," said another client, Nawal, who bad come seeking spouses for her unmarried

"Everybody talks about each other, there's no independence," said Nawal, 35, who asked that ber last name not be used. "Watching each other creates doubt and suspicion, and creates problems to he dealt

with bere." For Gaza's influential. Muslim hierarchy, the psychics are a threat to reli-

gious authority. "I challenge all the fortune tellers, whether they are male or female, to know 50 verses of the Koran by heart," said Mufti Abdul Karim Al Kahlout, Gaza's chief Muslim leader.

"A fortune teller has no place to interfere," be said. The Muslim scientists said that going and believing in such fortune tellers, or in the ability of the devils to know the future, is a reli-

gious crime." But Mr. Kahlout said he recognised that despite the onset of Palestinian Autonomy, years of political strife had left Gazans with some existential voids which the psychics were trying to fill.

"Palestinians feel the basics of life were missed or were lost," he said. "What is left for the Palestinians to

Crown Prince outlines Jordan's vision

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and North Africa summit to be beld in Amman next month will reflect "a qualitative change from government-inspired and government-led approaches to institution-building."

Following are major excerpts from the Crown Prince's address: "For all those who will ask

as, where is all of this achieving, one of the answers that comes to mind is very clearly the rift. The European Union is seeking to establish a free trade area in the context of the Mediterranean. Then we have to be able to relate to this new development. If East Asia is looking to the Middle East as a half-way bouse between East and West, then we have to be able to relate to that development in the context of opening Jordan to the numerous

"In the context of intellectual property, in the context of customs union any number of incentives are clearly manifest to those who seek to establish the creation of this energy of economic zones. When I speak of economic zones let me not omit reference to NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Area, and the concept of relating this part of the world, and by extension, the region with which we deal to a sembiousis with the American bemis-

"For peacebuilding to succeed it must be institutionalised. Democracy, respect for human rights, greater participation by people in peace-building is offset by the real-

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er changes during the night."
NATO and the U.N. had

given Bosnian Serbs besieg-

ing the capital until 10 p.m. (2000 GMT) on Sunday to

show "substantial progress"

in pulling out the weapons or

in its air raids on Serb milit-

ary positions after they prom-

ised on Thursday to pull back

mortars of 82mm and larger

and artillery of 100mm and

NATO jets roared over the

Bosnian Serb headquarters at

Pale on Sunday morning as a

reminder, a Reuter reporter-

A Serb convoy of howit-

zers. mortars, two rocket launchers and six T-65 tanks

was withdrawing from Kru-

pac, 12 kilometres south of

Mr. Holbrooke said after a

Saturday night meeting with

Serbian President Slobodan

Milosevic in Belgrade he had

cleared up some confusion

over whether 82mm mortars

and 100mm artillery were to

be included in the withdrawal

Later U.N. spokesman

Lieutenant-Colonel Chris

Vernon said in Sarajevo

Serbs had orders to include

these guns in the pullback.

under fierce allied bombard-

ment since Aug. 30, had pre-

viously refused to budge.

fearing the Bosnian govern-

ment would exploit a pull-

back to regain land.

The Serbs, despite coming

from the exclusion zone.

NATO ordered the pause

face further attacks.

there said.

the city centre.

Serb arms removal slow

ity of the existence of what I shouldn't describe on such a sunny morning as parallel economy - parallel economies of money laundering, of business deals what I have described with some disdain as business as usual. This part of the world deals in hundreds of millions of dollars with the international community. But my concern is not for the aspects of what I bave described as the paralelled economy digging down our hopes and prayers for institutionalised transparency. My concern is for the possibilities of releasing greater investment of legitimate

hot money. 'As far as the level of multilaterals is concerned your're well aware that the peace process, the legitimacy of Madrid, produced five. working groups. These working groups included clusters of energy, environment, water, refugees and most important a regional economic development working group. The Middle East North Africa summit faces among other things and within the next few days the various draft

"I want to say that in terms of regional financial mechanisms, regional development bank, regional policy consultation - what is important for us effectively is to feelthat we are developing a regional integration of a capital market. I don't personally give too much concern to where these regional instruments have based. They could be based on the dark side to the moon for all I care. But what I do concern myself with is the feeling that the objective of regional eco-

- In northwest Bosnia, Mus-

lim and Croat forces claim

now to have wrested about

4.000 kilometres of territory.

or eight per cent of Bosnia's

entire area, from the Serbs in

a week-long offensive that

has turned the tide of the

Luka as authorities struggled

to cope with an influx of tens

of thousands of Serb ref-

Bosnian radio said Bosnian

government troops were

advancing towards the Serb stronghold. 'Our units are

advancing with speed and ...

some of them are already

advancing on Banja Luka.

Serb civilians were estimated to have reached the Banja

Luka region, where roads

were jammed and relief

groups were delivering aid by

cials say 100.000 refugees are

in or near the city. Pierre

Krahenbuhl, an International

Red Cross official in the city.

put the figure at about

itself is one of complete cbaos

with cars, tractors and horse

carts in every street. All ac-

cess roads to the city are

blocked, said spokesman

Mans Nyberg of the U.N.

High Commissioner for Re-

roads into the city Sunday,

and workers used horses to

distribute food among them.

the refugee agency said.

Refugees continued to jam

"The situation in the city

Local Bosnian Serb offi-

horseback.

Between 70.000 and 90.000

There was chaos in Banja

nomic summit; the integration of a capital market, rehabilitation of the Middle East region gathers mechanism. Close coordination is under way with other regional partners, with the Palestimans, with Egypt and with Israel. "Yes, it is closer with some than it's with others. But I do feel that the concept of developing a complementarity between the oil-producing

of the area, the Gulf region and the hinterland of the manpower resource-rich north of the peninsula is "The concept should essentially include the qualitatively rich communities of

natural resources-rich region

Israel, Palestinians and Jor-"Let us hope to the participation at some stage in the long too distant future the Syrians, the Lebanese and the broader concept effectively of cooperation in the

The emerging markets and the contributors from Morocco to Turkey of up to 300 million people present a formidable new reality in an extended Middle East.

"I know sooner or later abont one hundred small and medium-sized industrial projects costing \$1.5 million on average are seeking international and regional partners.

"It is my hope that the (first) stage of promoting cooperation, as I described to a visiting group of the Israeli Knesset members quite recently, is the process of getting to know one another tbrough meetings and exchange of information and personal contacts. The second stage, with the limitation of the areas and priorities for joint activities, preparing the ground for this... stage which will consists of joint activities in the areas agreed upon could be taken a way as a possible outline for our shared commitment of Eastern Mediterranean to in- the year ahead."

Israel-PLO talks continue

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out by joint committees once a deal is signed, Mr. Rabin told bis foreign minister, according to the delegate.

Mr. Arafat's spokesman Marwan Kanafani earlier rejected pressure to seal an agreement and warned an autonomy deal could not be reached without an Israeli pledge to evacuate the settiers in the future.

"The Israelis don't understand that we have first to agree on the principle that Hebron is a Palestinian city and not a disputed city. We have to agree for a temporary summit in Amman next solution to the settlers and a month if "Israeli intransidate for their evacuation," he

If an agreement is not reached, further talks will have to be put off until mid-October after a series of Jewish holidays beginning with new year celebrations.

Mr. Arafat and Mr. Peres said earlier they made progress in talks overnight, when Israel presented the Palestinians new proposals on Hebron and other obstacles to a

part," Mr. Peres said. But Mr. Kanafani shot down the Israeli proposals. "I

don't see any new practical compromising proposal from the Israelis about Hebron. We must take charge of the city and not just of one building or another," he said.

The other new proposals concerned the 6,000 Palestinian prisoners still held in ecutive authority from the Israeli jails. Israel's Energy legislative council," he said.

Minister Gonen Segev said negotiations on control of the West Bank electricity grid "took five steps backward

today. Mr. Kanafani played down hopes of a Washington signing this week.
"We are not going to be

hostages of a date. We cannot achieve an agreement in such an atmosphere of pressure because we are talking about the life, future and freedom of people."

A statement issued by the Palestinian self-rule authority indicated the PLO might not attend the Middle East and North African economic gence shuts the door of

"It is doubtful that Arab parties and regional parties will participate in the Amman economic conference without real progress on the Palestinian track," the authority said.

Some members of the PLO delegation in Taba have expressed the belief Israel was pusbing for a deal before the Jewish holidays beginning next week so that it could go "New ideas were put on to Amman armed with an the table. On Hebron we accord that would ease ecomade great progress from our nomic normalisation with the Arab World.

Saeb Erakat, head of the Palestinian elections committee at the talks, said a breakthrough was made on that issue.

"Peres and Arafai have agreed that the number of members of the elected council will be 82 and Israel has accepted to separate the ex-

Japan seeks stronger role

Continued from page 1)

during World War II. The Japanese premier also next two years. met with Israeli President Ezer Weizman.

He is to visit Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the Gaza Strip on Monday. Tokyo has already provided \$200 million in aid to the Palestinian self-rule authority Tuesday.

and is expected to contribute the same amount over the

Mr. Murayama is on the fourth leg of a regional tour which has already included Saudi Arabia, Égypt and Svria. He is to travei to Jordan from Gaza on Monday before returning home on

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Topsy-turvy new World Bank system refigures national wealth

WASHINGTON (AP) — In leased Sunday called "Monisome ways, it's the world turned upside down: Surinam richer in national wealth per-person than Belgium, Gabon than New Zealand, Botswana than Saudi Arabia.

Developed by the World Bank, a new system of measuring wealth attempts to go beyond traditional gauges like gross national product (GNP). The appraisal includes four ways of assessing societies, only one of which is how much material wealth it produces.

The new method, which bank officials say could take years to perfect, is intended to show how successful a country is in improving the lives of its people. It also is designed to help give a clearer picture of an economy's strengths and weaknesses. The system is laid out in a World Bank publication retoring Environmental Progress: A Report on Work in Progress." The report, for the first time, folds a country's people and its natural resources into its overall halance sheet.

The system has produced evidence that almost every country, from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, rich or poor, has more wealth in its people's productive ability than in the goods they produce. Ismail Serageldin, World

Bank vice president for environmentally sustainable investment, said the system is far from perfected, "just a start, and... very crude." But, he said, it "expands the concept of wealth beyond

money and investments." The system weighs what a society earns against what it consumes in natural resources and other considerations that most people would consider intangibles.

Using the traditional measures of wealth, gross national product, Surinam's 1993 per capita sbare was \$2,800 and Belgium's was \$17,200. Surinam's wealth under the

new measurement system amounts to \$389,000 a person. Belgium's \$384,000. Saudi Arabia's gross national product was \$194 billion, or \$11,000 per Saudi;

Bostwana's GNP was \$6 billion, \$4,500 per Botswanan. By the new measure, Botswana's per-capita wealth is \$188,000, Saudi Arabia's

\$184,000. Of the 192 countries ranked, 140 had per-capita wealth of \$100,000 or less. The countries ranged from Ethiopia with \$1,400 to Australia at \$835,000.

The bank issued a disclaimer that said individual country figures may change slightly as the system is refined. But it expects regional patterns to remain intact. The system quantifies

Manmade, the traditional measure of what a country produces plus the roads, water systems, railways and other facilities already in place.

three types of capital:

- Natural, the value of land and water and the riches they hold.

Human, the value of people's ability to produce, how well they're educated, how well they're fed.

In addition, Mr. Serageldin said, hank economists are trying to figure out bow to measure social capital, the productive value of families, communities and various social groups that enhance

Higher oil prices slash Omani deficit

MUSCAT (AFP) — Higher oil prices and production slashed Oman's actual budget deficit by 34.4 per cent in the first seven months of 1995 despite an increase in spending, an official report said

Saturday.

The deficit was cut to 108.7 million Omani riyals (\$282.6 million) in 1995 from 156.7 million rivals (\$430.8 million) in the first seven mooths of 1994, said the report by the state Omani Development Council (ODC).

It put the total actual deficit in 1994 at 484.9 million riy8ls (\$1.26 billion), far higher than the previously projected shortfall of around \$760 million. The increase was apparently because crude prices hit a five-year low of \$15.5 during that year. The ODC said the budge

deficit was cut in the first seven months of 1995 because of an increase in income to around 1.05 billion riyals (\$2.73 billion) from 922.4 million riyals (\$2.39 billion) in the first seven months

Oil revenue grew to 806.2 million riyals (\$2.09 billion) from 672.5 million riyals (\$1.74 hillion) in the same

TEL AVIV (AP) - Israel

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"I want to work more with

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Israeli officials and business

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(EBRD) has said.

Arab Monetary Fund pledges more reform aid for members

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), a regional IMF-style institution, Saturday pledged more loans and technical assistance for member states to help them push ahead with economic reforms. AMF Chairman Jassim Al

Manai said reform programmes being carried out in several Arab countries were the only way to tackle persis-tent balance of payment deficits and other economic problems.

The AMF will do its best to attain that objective through preparation and implementation of reform programmes and supporting them with medium-term loans," he told participants in a new-

traioing course on reforms.

There is no doubt such loans will belp bridge the financial gap which exists in some members states and ensure the success of reforms, he emphasised.

Officials from central banks, economy, and finance ministries of 16 Arah statesare attending the three-week course, the latest in a series of financial and economic educational programmes organised by the Abu Dbabibased fund as part of its campaign to encourage reform in the region.
The AMF bas provided

around \$2.6 billion in soft loans to its 21 member states since it was created by the Arab League in 1976.

The fund, with a capital of around \$1.3 billion, bad focused on lending activity to shore up balance of payment gaps. But in recent years, it switched to technical assistance and tied loans to reforms after balance of pay-ment and budget deficits persisted in most members.

Its technical assistance covers training for senior govern-ment staff, helping members to upgrade investment laws, and drawing up reforms poli-

"Adoptiog rational finan-cial policies is essential for ensuring the success of reform programmes and conse-quently achieving coocrete results in economic development," said Mr. Manai, a Bahraini who took over the fund last year.
"This underscores the need

for expanding the sphere of knowledge for Arah cadres so they will better understand the role of financial policies in the reforms and realise the specified development targets," be added.

Mr. Manai said the AMF would step up activities in 1996, with plans to stage six training courses and seminars on economy and fioance.

One of them would be held in Tunisia in collaboration with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

More than half of the Arab League members have launched reforms to revive their economies which have suf-fered under long-standing government control, debt unemployment, inflation, negative growth and financial

and trade deficits.

Some of them have reported positive results while others have adopted an optimistic economic outlook Egypt, Jordan and Morocco where reforms have gained momentum, have reported faster growth rates, with their 1994 gross domestic product rising by 1.5 per cent, 5.7, and eight per cent respective-

Saudi Arabia and other major Gulf oil producers. whose coffers were flush with funds in the early 1980s, have also announced ambitious reform programmes to offset a sharp decline in their income

"We are encouraging all members states to carry out reforms," an AMF source told AFP. "Any country involved in such programmes is not necessarily suffering from serious financial or economic problems but is resorting to such measures to strengthen

Baghdad cuts list of banned imports

BAGHDAD (R) — lraq, to the delight of its hard-hit traders, has decided to relax its import regime by removing scores of items from its

list of banned foreign goods.

The presidential office, in orders carried by Baghdad newspapers Sunday, reduced the list of goods forbidden to be exhibited and imported by traders to 41 from 273.

It has also allowed traders to exhibit, but not import. another list of 162 foreign goods. The list of foreign items permitted for import has swelled to 528 from 258.

Earlier this month, the Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) gave traders a month to clear shops of hanned items.

It said it would mobilise the army, police and mem-bers of the ruling Baath Party for a crackdown on smugglers and traders violating the me-

But Bagbdad traders said the lists the government issued in the official press Sunday meant more or less that business would go on as usual.

"There is more room for imports in the light of the new rules which I expect to have a somewhat stabilising impact on prices and desaid a trader in Shourja, Baghdad's trading centre.

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Iranian ban on cigarette, sweet imports unlikely to affect supply

TEHRAN (Agencies) - A han on the import of cigarettes and sweets may serve to remind Iranians of the country's economic trou-bles but is unlikely to disrupt

the supply.

The ban, voted in parliament last week, covers chewing gum, cookies, chocolate bars and sodas, which swept onto the Iranian market after the 1980-1988 war against lraq to strong criticism from Islamic hardliners.

The ruling followed an intense campaign by radicals who are indignant over large shocks of foreign cigarettes as well as American and British chocolate bars in grocery stores at a time when essential goods such as cooking oil, cheese, hutter and milk are in short supply.

The decision was also the culmination of a drive launched two years ago to slash imports in a bid to save bard currency to pay back the country's foreign debt of about \$35 billion.

The ban, however, may prove to be largely symbolic as loads of "futile" products are illegally imported or smuggled into the country on a daily basis, mainly from Turkey and Dubai, United Arab Emirates, according to

The central hank, which controls legal imports, and other authorities have "repeatedly stated that imported goods are limited to essential ones," a European economic expert said.

Tough import regulations

THE Daily Crossword by Eugene Puffenberger

have encouraged a lucrataive illegal trade in "nonessential" goods, which are often locally produced but do not meet demand or are of

inferior quality.

According to official estimates cited in the Tehran Times daily, some \$5.5 bil-lion of goods are illegally imported or smuggled every year into Iran - almost half the figure for legal imports. 'Go to any store and you'll find all sorts of contrahand "products," MP Ali-Naghi

Khamushi complained during a parliamentary debate. The assembly's "decision will have no impact on the country's economy, 40 per cent of which is underground," he lamented to Interior Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati, who is in charge of the fight against

contraband. Under pressure from parliament, the government bas stepped up a campaign against smuggling and seized goods in the past five months worth five times the amount confiscated during the same period last year.

The intercepted contraband, however, accounts for only 10 per cent of the total goods which illegally find their way into the country, an expert said, basing his esti-mates on official figures.

"Six months ahead of the legislative elections, parliament appears to be seeking to appease a public growing ever more discontent over the economic situation, which continues to curtail its

purchasing power," a foreign diplomat said.

However, in the absence of a robust tobacco industry in Iran, the ban on foreign cigarettes could make them less affordable to a public strongly fond of smoking.

A pack of Winston and Marlhoro sell here for 80 cents and \$1 respectively, which is almost half of a worker's daily salary. According to official figures, 500 million packs of agarettes find their way into the country each year. News of the ban came one

day after President Hashemi Rafsanjani struck an optimistic note on the state of the country's economy in a speech to leaders of Friday "Despite a hue and cry

made hy foreign and domestic enemies, the country's foreign exchange reserves are satisfactory," said Mr. Rafsanjani, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

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can help rebuild eastern Europe guaranteeing Israel investment in the region. The bank also undertook to provide Israeli firms with more information on investment pos-

European bank chief says Israel

sibilities. Mr. De Larosiere said Istaelis are particularly wellsuited to the business climate of eastern Europe because many of them have origins in

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that area and speak its languages. More than a million Israelis — about one in five - hail from Russia alone.

The EBRD was established in 1991, after the fall of communism, to help spur busioess in eastern Europe. It has a capital of \$10 billion which it is seeking to double in coming years, Mr. De

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Argin

Larosiere said. The bank both states in the bank, has a relatively high business profile in eastern Europe already. But its involvement in EBRD projects to date has

No figures were immediately available on Israeli trade and investment in east-

ern Europe.

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FORECAST FOR MON-

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By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

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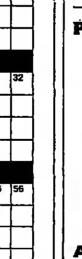
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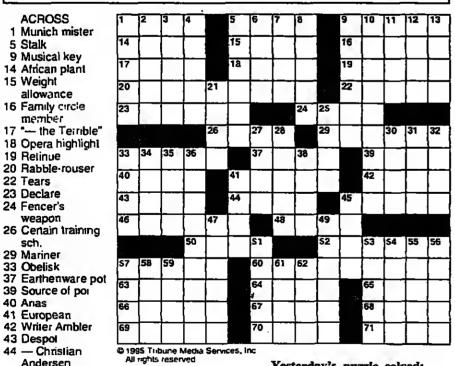
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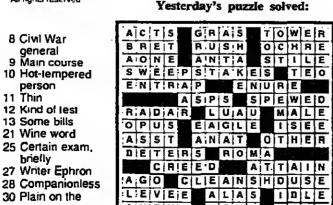
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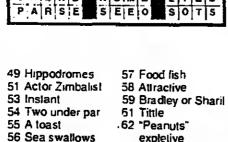
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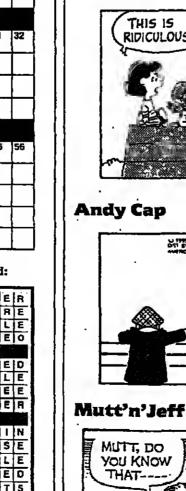
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TCC \$50m bonds sell within hours

★★ THE TELECOM-MUNICATIONS Corporation's \$50 million bonds were all taken up within three hours after being launched onthe Luxembourg bourse, the minister of communications announced. He said the institutions which covered the issue expressed readiness to raise the ceiling of the bond issue but Jordan preferred to keep the declared ceiling as no additional amounts were required. The bonds were later being traded in European financial markets at prices higher than the face value of the bonds; The minister said an official signing ceremony between the parties concerned will be held at the ministry Wednesday. The bonds has a 7-year maturity at variable interest rates prevailing in international markets (Al Rai)

☆☆ ECONOMIC AND agricultural experts are in agreement that the new land parcelling draft law prepared by the Land and Survey Department bas many shortcomings. The draft law allows parcelling land into a minimum of four dunums instead of 10. The experts said such a law would result in breaking up the ownership of agricultural land and emptying it of economic context (Al

☆☆ FORMER PUBLIC Transport Corporation (PTC) Director-General Suleiman At Hahahheh was appointed general manager of the newly-established public shareholding Petra Tourism Transport Company. Marwan Khitan has taken over the post of PTC director-deneral (AL Aswaq

* ★ FOLLOWING ARE the mid-year financial results of some public shareholding companies:

— Unified For Organising Land Transport reported a JD 674 424 profit

- Jordan New Cahle earned JD 1.93 million from sales and recorded a JD 145.583 profit — The United for Engineering Industries posted a JD 67.277 profit despite earning JD 2.1 million from sales.

- The Union chemical and vegetable oil industries achieved a profit of JD 120,236

- The Jordan Wood Industris (JWICO) reported a JD 168,158 profit with sales exceeding JD 2 million. - The Arab Investment

and International Trade posted a JD 43.509 profit from JD 1.8 million of sales. - The Arab Phar-

maceutical Manufacturing eamed JD 12.5 million from sales and scored a JD 1.85 million profit.

- The Jordan Phosphute Mines' profit amounted to JD 3.57 million of which JD 3.46 million were from the fertiliser unit. Total sales were ab-

out JD 97.6 million. - The Housing Bank posted a JD 4.6 million profit. - The National Inndustries' sales amounted tn JD

2.93 million while profit stood at JD 312.238. - The Middle East Insurance registered JD 429,495

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JD 1.86 million in sales - The Arahian Steel Pipes Manufacturing registered JD 5.57 million in sales and JD

1.34 million in profit - The Jordan Electric Power collected JD 41.1 million from sales and posted a JD 1.54 million profit.

- The Yarmouk Insurance and Reinsurance scored a JD 57,809 profit despite a loss of JD 124.867 at the vehicle department

- United Insurance made a profit of JD 338.881

- The Livestock and Poultry's sales amounted to JD 719,067 hut ended up with a loss of JD 268.278

- The Dar Al Dawi Development and investment Posted ahout JD 9.4 million in sales and JD 1.68 million

Business opportunities seen increasing in Middle East

By Rick Marshall USIA Staff Writer

NEW YORK - American businessmen and commercial officers from the U.S. embassies in a number of Middle East countries held meetings here last week to share experiences and learn about new commercial opportunities the region offers as it moves toward a comprehensive peace between Israel and its Arah neighbours.

The meetings were part of a larger conference at which Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown and the U.S. ambassadors to Egypt. Israel. Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait spoke about the improving political and economic conditions in the region and the U.S. commitment to assisting American businesses find new opportunities there.

Gary Grappo. economic counsellor at the U.S. emhas-

sy in Jordan, spoke of the tremendous transformation" which has taken place there over the past year. Between last year's peace treaty with Israel and the upcoming Amman economic summit. Jordan is shifting rapidly toward a new pro-business en-

New legislation favouring foreign investment and liberalising financial markets is being prepared and the public sector is being cut back.

Such things were unthinkahle, even a year ago, Mr. Grappo said.

Upcoming infrastructure projects present attractive possibilities for American business. Mr. Grappo stated. The Jordanian government has identified more than two dozen such projects, with opportunities in water, energy. hazardous material. minerals, transportation and

port and airport construction. American companies should also look to israeli

infrastructure projects, according to Barry Friedman. the senior commercial officer at the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv. Over the next eight to 10 years, Israel plans to spend up to \$18,000 million. he said. doubling electrical generation, expanding roads and the harbours of Haifa and Ashdod, and building a new terminal at Ben Gurion

Airport in Tel Aviv. The Palestinian Authority will need basic infrastructure "from the ground up." Mr. Friedman noted. Plans envision the construction of a power generation plant, port facilities. an airport and a desalination plant, he commented.

Progress reports on the Jordan Rift Valley projects will be made available at the Amman summit. The Palestinians also plan to release information about their upcoming projects there, complete with contact lists and a guide on how to do business with the Palestinian Authority. Mr. Friedman said.

Neither Mr. Friedman nor Mr. Grappo was enthusiastic about a plan to build a canal linking the Red and Dead seas. however.

Mr. Friedman cited the "enormous cost" of such an undertaking, while Mr. Grappo commented that "there are just too many other realistic projects

At other sessions. American businessmen shared their experiences in the region with the audience. Several stressed the importance of finding reliable partners and agents as well as the need to be patient.

Others, such as Robert Prieto of the engineering firm Parsons Brinckerhoff, said his company was becoming increasingly optimistic about doing business in the region. The opportunities are better there now than they have been in years, he stated. The Amman summit, he added, should provide those who attend a good list of potential

Dubai streets paved with gold for hawkers from ex-Soviet Union

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - Street hawkers from former Soviet republics are making regular trips to the bustling Gulf emirate of Dubai in the hope of making a fast buck from selling a few cameras or cheap sunglasses.

They mingle with the hordes of Indian workers and European. American and Asian businessmen in Dubai. playing cat-and-mouse with Dubai police as they try to peddle their paltry wares. For the past two years

Luhi. 60, has been making the journey from Tashkent in Uzbekistan every two to three months, laving out \$500

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Foreign Exchange Market Summary

(September 11-September 15, 1995)

AMMAN - The U.S. unit appreciated sharply against the

yen last week, while appreciating modestly against the

mark and stabilising against sterling. It ended the week

0.77 per cent higher against the mark and 4.27 per cent

The dollar drifted lower against the mark Monday, while

appreciating against the yen and sterling. The dollar rose against the yen on expectations that the Bank of Japan

might intervene in the market to prop up the dollar. The yen came under further pressure when an official at the

Bank of Japan said that the bank should not help Japanese

The dollar surged above the 100 yen level for the first time in 15 month Tuesday, as investors shifted their

holdings from yen to European and dollar denominated assets. Analysts indicated that the move was a continuation

of the trend that had started the previous week, when the

Bank of Japan lowered its discount rate. Meanwhile, the

release of U.S. producer prices howing a decline of 0.1 per

cent in August, reassured financial markets that the U.S.

The U.S. unit continoed its appreciation against other

major currencies Wednesday, especially against the mark

and yen. The dollar rose against the yen on news that the

Bank of Japao continued to show its presence in the market

to prop up the dollar. News that a Japanese mutual fund

bad purchased \$500 million worth of U.S. Treasury

securities also lent support to the dollar. Meanwhile, the

dollar appreciated against the mark after the Bundesbank

cut its securities repurchase rate by an additional five basis

The U.S. unit depreciated marginally against the mark and the yen Thursday on profit-taking. The dollar's decline came after a slew of U.S. economic data was released.

pointing to a weaker economy and prompting expectations that the Fed might cut interest rates at its meeting on Sept.

26. First-time jobless claims rose 21 thousand, while retail

sales rose 0.6 per cent. Excluding autos, retails were flat.

104 yen at the end of the week. Comments from the U.S. deputy treasury secretary, the Bundesbank president, and

the Japanese minister for international trade and industry that there is room for further dollar appreciation lent support to the dollar. Meanwhile, analysts indicated that the dollar's failure to breach the 1.50 mark resistance level

reaffirmed the belief that the market is witnessing yen

The U.S. unit, thus, ended the week at 1.4888 marks,

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104.13 yen and at \$1.5500 to sterling.

New York Closing Rates for Major Currencies Against the

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Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate Bulletin

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Swiss Franc

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Euro-Currency Interest Rates

The dollar powered ahead against the yen to reach above

economy is not facing inflationary pressures.

for her return ticket and staying in a small guesthouse. Bare-footed and wrapped in a gaudy shawl she kept her binoculars and cameras for sale out of sight in a sack, ready to make a quick getaway should plainclothed inspectors make a sudden

Lubi's Russian was poor, but she could count in English or Arabic, a vital aid for selling her binoculars at a bargain 120 dirhams (\$32) a

And she attracted a lot of interest as she sat in the sweltering heat by Dubai's "creek," a harbour stretching right into the city centre

where wooden dhows ply their trade. On the other side of the

creek 20-year-old Faruq had

less to offer curious passers-

by - just a job lot of cheap knives and sunglasses at three dirhams (90 cents). An amused Arab in a traditional white rohe bought a

handful "for the children," he said. Faruq planned to spend his earnings on clothes and stationary to re-sell in Tashkeni. He knew his profits would be minimal but they are enough: to have tempted him back to-

He arrived in the Gulf with a two-week tourist visa which he could extend by 10 days for \$10.

Dubai five times.

His compatriot Sohila, 23, set her sights higher. She left her two-year-old son in Samarkend in the hope of earning enough to huy a residents' visa hy selling artificial pearls and cheap pocket

tion of trade and other ties

But she was not very optimistic. "I have a friend who worked several months to pay \$7,000 for her visa hut e is still waiting for it to he delivered. Everyone's a crook bere," she said.

Her busband Rakim Mirsaid joined her during bis holidays. Although he is a professor in Samarkand, and has written a thesis compar ing epic poetry from Uzbekistan and France, he only earns \$40 a month.

He brought a few old books in French "borrowed" from Moscow University in the bope of selling them, but was mocked by more streetwise compatriots already in Dubai. "You're no businessman, nobody reads here, they told him.

Rakim refused to be downcast, however. "Police chase us and confiscate our goods, Sohila studied Farsi and but everyone's got to live hoped to make ber way up in somehow," be said.

Saudis may buy \$7.5b airliners in phases

DUBAI (R) - Saudi Arabia appears inclined to seek domestic financing for the purchase of U.S. commercial aircraft but the \$7.5 billion order could be staggered to avoid burdening a bodget which Riyadh is struggling to

Indostry analysts say Riyadh now looks to favour breaking the long-awaited deal into several contracts, making solid orders for some of the aircraft and taking options on the rest.
Sandi Arabia in June said it

would buy 61 aircraft from Boeing Co. and McDoonell Douglas Corp. of the United States but no contracts were signed and engine allocations and the complex issue of financing are still to be announced

"I think Riyadh could sign contracts in the next three months for some planes, which they now can pay for in advance, worth say \$1.5-\$2.0 billion and take an option oo the rest," said a U.S. analyst closely following the lucrative deal.

"A couple of years later, they put down more money to exercise an option on more planes and so on until the order is completed by say the year 2002/3," the analyst added.

An Arab expert said Riyadh, strapped for cash in recent years due to weak oil prices, could balance the 1995 budget,

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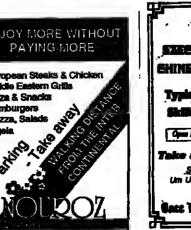
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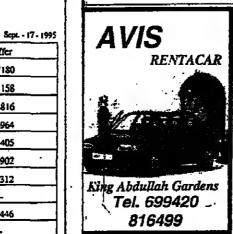
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Atlanta venues get mixed reviews

ATLANTA (R) — With an initial round of test events nearing conclusion. Atlanta's organisers received mixed reviews from hundreds of international athletes competing in 15 events this summer.

Since June 22. Atlanta has tested eight of its 1996 Olympic venues, five of them newly huilt specifically for

The major Olympic venue to open this year, the 15.000-seat aquatic centre, received high marks from swimmers and divers for its facilities and equally high praise from spectators for the facility's design, which allows a sweeping view of the Atlanta skyline through the open sides of the venue.

Athletes also praised the new rowing venue at Lake Lanier. a 38-year-old. man-made lake about 51 miles (82 kilometres) northeast of Atlanta, and the Georgia International Horse Park, about 40 miles (65 kilometres) east of Atlanta in suburban Rockdale County.

But Atlanta officials concede they will need to make major modifications to the yachting venue hased in Savannah. Georgia. and two new field hockey stadiums. During a test event two months ago, yachting competitors complained bitterly about the design of the Savannah venue, which requires sailors and their boats to be towed

"The wind and the water are very good. Everything else is awful." said Fred Herein. coach of the French yachting team in a summary echoed virtually unanimously hy sailors from 53 countries in the Nationsbank international regatta. To answer the complaints, officials of the Atlanta

by motorboat for two to three hours from the main Olympic marina to reach the race course in the Atlantic

Committee for the Olympic Games said they would install a second marina composed of barges closer to the race course. But the design and capacity of the so-called "Day Marina" still are a matter of debate.

Coaches and players also were harshly critical of the new field hockey stadium tested last month at Clark Atlanta University. Both the Clark facility and a twin field still under construction at nearby Morris Brown College have been designed to be converted later to American football

With American football in mind, the artifical turf field hockey pitch was installed over a crowned subsurface higher in the middle of the field than at each sideline. But the humpbacked design created havoc for field hockey players seeking a true roll on the uneven

After last month's closing-round much in the Atlanta Hockey Challenge Cup. the coach of the losing Spanish women's team. Jose Brasa, said the uneven surface caused the ball to bounce oddly. One of his star players was struck in the face by one such bounce, hreaking her cheek hone. The coach and players of the winning Australian women's team here equally critical.

And Els Van Breda Vriesman, secretary general of the International Field Hockey Federation, said: "We are disappointed. We would have thought that the pitch would have been much better.

But the largest overriding problem for Atlanta's Olympic organisers may be the city's notorious summer heat and humidity. Temperatures for several of this summer's events hovered near or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius).

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Manchester United, Newcastle stay top

LONDON (Agencies) -Paul Scholes scored two goals as Manchester United cruised to a 3-0 home victory over Bolton Saturday, keeping them tied atop the Premier League with Newcastle - a 3-1 winner at home against

Manchester City.
Leeds and Wimbledon entering the round tied for third behind the leaders each stumbled to surprising losses

Leeds lost at home 3-1 to Queens Park Rangers as Daniele Dichio secored twice for the winners. Wimbledon fell 2-0 at Aston Villa on goals by Mark Draper and lan Taylor.

The win moved Aston Villa alone into third place with 13 points. Newcastle and Manchester United have 15. Arsenal and Liverpool each won matches at home to stay close with 12 points in a

tie for fourth place. lan Wright scored on a penalty in the second half after missing one in the first - for Arsenal's 1-0 home victory over West Ham. The goal came after West Ham's Julian Dicks was sent off in the 66th minute with his second yellow card.

Liverpool kept defending League champions Blackburn spinning with a 3-0 landslide - all goals coming in the first 30 minutes. Jamie Redknapp scored in the 12th. Robbie Fowler struck in the 22, and Stan Collymore followed up in the 29th.

Blackburn has only four points in six matches and is lodged third from the bottom of the 20-team table.

In other Premier League matches: Chelsea 3, Southampton 0; Middlebrough 2 Coventry 1: Sheffield Wednesday 1. Tottenham 3. Manchester United and Newcastle have each won five of their first six matches of the season and are moving free as the early class of the

Manchester United playing without injured Andy Cole and a suspended Roy Keane — got two goals from Scholes and the third from Ryan Giggs. playing in only his first start of the season.

Giggs - who missed early games through injury scored the winning goal last weekend coming off the bench for Manchester United in a 3-2 win at Everton.

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West surely owed partner a raise to three spades when East rebid the suit freely over North's halancing donble. The final contract, quite likely, would have been the same.

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Declarer was on the right track. After cashing the ace of diamonds, however, declarer should overtake tha queen with the king and ruff that third diamond. Now a trump lead does ondplay East, who must either yield a ruff-sluff, allowing declerer to discard a club from hand, or lead a club from tha king into declarer's combined tensee.

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Despite that, the contract should be defeated. All East has to do after winning the second spade is cash the ace of haarts before leading a third spade. With any chance of an andplay elimineted, the king of clubs will take the setting trick.

Newcastle had few problems with last-place Manchester City. Peter Beardsley put Newcastle up 1-0 in the 17th minute. Seven minutes later Manchester City's Richard Edghill was sent off with his second yellow card. and Newcastle wasn't chal-

lenged after that. Les Ferdinand scored his fifth goal of the season for Newcastle in the 59th to make it 3-0, and Gerry Creaney - in his debut for Manchester City — scored a consolation goal in the 81st minute.

Monaco crash again Monaco's hangover from

their midwest nightmare. when they were beaten 3-0 at home by English opponent Leeds United in the UEFA Cop, continued into Saturday when they were beaten by Metz in the League.

The visitors, the only team with Paris St. Germain still unbeaten since the League season got underway, never looked back after Robert Pires beat Porato with a superb lob after half an hour. Monaco, who lined up with Belgian schemer Enzo Scifo.

twice hit the woodwork efforts by Sylvain Legwinski (54) and second-half substitute Mickael Madar (60) just inches wide. But Metz, efficient and full of running, were good value for their win and are now just one point behind PSG who play Mon-pellier away on Sunday.

Auxerre continued to storm up the standings after their poor start to the season when they beat Lyon 1-0 away thanks to a goal by Bernard Diomede after just five minutes.

Auxerre are provisionally level-pegging in third spot with Guingamp, 3-1 home winners over bottom club title, on 16 points — four points behind the leaders.

A bomb scare forced a 15-minute delay to the start, of the match between Strasbourg and Nice.

A woman caller rang the Strasbourg authorities at 5.30 p.m. to warn that a bomb would explode in the Meinan stand. She rang a second time and said: "It is very serious, take every pre-

The police, on full alert after the recent spate of ter-Saturday. rorist bombings in France. searched the stadium and found nothing suspicious. Officials decided to open the

stadium to the spectators just half an hour before kick-off. The match ended in a 1-1 Republic of Ireland striker Tony Cascarino scored a hattrick for Olympic Marseille in a 5-0 win over Laval in the

second division. Cascarino.

33 and sent off against Caen

last month, has now scored eight goals this season. Atletico keep lead

In Madrid, striker Kiko Narvaez was sent off hut Atletico Madrid stayed top of the Spanish League on Saturday with an impressive 2-0 victory at fellow pacesetters Athletic Bilbao.

Rejuvenated Atletico now have a maximum nine pointsfrom three matches, three ahead of Bilbao, Espanol and Compostela on six.

Atletico have rarely done well in the intimidating San Mames stadium but this time they took the sting out of the young Bilbao side with confident and composed possession football.

Argentine powerhouse Diego Simeone and elegant Spanish international playmaker Jose Caminero controlled the midfield, carving

out several good chances for forwards Kiko and Luboslav Bilbao seemed overawed by the occasion, and created only one clear chance in the

Dortmund hit Stuttgart for 6

entire match.

In Bonn German champions Borussia Dortmund produced the best possible response to their midweek Champions' League drubbing

by thumping VFB Stuttgam 6-3 in the Bundesliga on

Dortmund, in the doldrums since the Juventus defeat, played much of the match with only 10 men because Knut Reinhardt was sent off for a 16th minute

The outcome took Dortmund into third place but still left them seven points behind runaway leaders Bayern Munich, winners of all six

games to date. Bayern had sparkled in a 3-2 triumph at Kaiserslautem

on Friday. Brazilian striker Giovane Elber fired Stuttgart ahead with only three minutes gone but Dortmund replied through their own Brazilian import Julio Cesar in the sixth minute and sweeper Matthias Sammer four mi

nutes later. Even Reinhardt's red card for a crude foul on Andreas Buck failed to disrupt Borussia's fluid counter-artacks and they went in at halftime 4-1up with further strikes from Heiko Herrlich and the com-

manding Andreas Moeller. A Stefan Reuler penalty and another Moeller goal completed the Dortmund scoring spree in the second period, while Stuttgart hit back with goals from Po-land's Radoslav Gilewicz and Bulgaria's Krasimir Balakov.

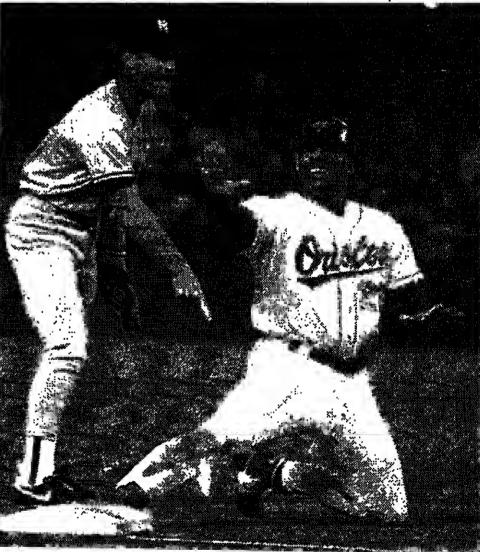
Bayer Leverkusen leapt over Borussia Mocnchengladbach into second place with a 2-0 win over Eintracht Frankfurt, marked by the return of veteran midfielder Bernd Schuster from the substitutes' bench.

Unbeaten Leverkussen's first home win of the season left them six points behind Bayern ahead of next Saturday's top of the table clash in



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champions in opening match

By Allem Deseyon Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan's basketball champions Al Ahli Sunday scored a 70-62 win over Iranian champions Asfahan on the opening day of the Sixth Asian Basketball Confederation Champions Cup currently underway in Kuala

their upcoming matches. They are grouped with Liaoning of China, Hong Fu of Taiwan and the Philip-

After a one round-robin.

play for fifth-10th places. Naghaway had voiced hope that the Jordanian champions, the only Arab team in the tournament, will fare well against other Asian champions but he also noted preparations for the tournament did not go according to plan with many players suffering injuries.

Al Ahli, who are spon-sored by Citroen, had also hoped to have a series of training camps in neighbouring countries. However the team had to be content with a series of friendlies against third-placed Al Jazireb and also hosted Iraq's Al Shurta. Al Ahli have been the

Kingdom's titleholders for the past three consecutive years after ending all-time rival Al Orthodoxi's decadelong domination in 1990. They then lost the title in 1991 but came back to win it in the past seasons.

Records tumble as South Africa

The team's Ukrainian coach Alexander Sasba brought about Al Ahli's change of playing tactics to a faster more modern game that allowed them to upgrade their players' style reinforced by the availability of a strong

Al Ahli's lineup includes the team's top stars Marwan' Ma'toug, Naser Bushnag and Yousef Zaghloul. In addition the team includes Ramez Hammoudeh, Riyad Avesb. Faisal Nsour, Wisam Nino, Walid Badran, Taimour Shamali, Marwan Saeedi, Sami Saduldin and Nihad Madi.

The organisers have allowed each team to register two foreign players in the championship which was revived after three years and will be an annual affair from

international competitor.

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Schedule of Ahli's matches

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Eriksson and McRae lead Australian Rally

PERTH (AP) — Kenneth Eriksson of Sweden and Colin McRae of Scotland were tied for the lead Sunday after 20 stages of Rally Australia, sixth round of the world

championship. Eriksson, whose best finish in Australia was second in 1989, held a four-second lead in his Mitsubishi Lancer after 17 stages as overnight leader Juha Kankkunen slipped back to fourth place.

But McRae then recovered ground over three fast, forested sections in the afternoon, taking a share of the lead in his Subaru Impreza. Both Eriksson and McRae had an elasped time of 3 hours, 45 minutes, 10

McRae, the winner last year, is aiming for his second straight World Championship victory following his win in New Zealand earlier in the

He and Eriksson were being shadowed closely by Eriksson's Mitsuhishi teammate Tommi Makinen of Finland, who was 18 second off the pace in his first Rally Australia appearance since

Kankkunen, a four-time world champion, lost his lead early Sunday and blamed new shock absorbers on his Toyota Celica for some conservative times. Making the problem worse was the fact Kankkunen, as the leading driver, had to deal with the most gravel on the roads.

"It will be very difficult from here," said Kankkunen, a four-time winner of the Australian event who had a time of 3:48.30 after the 20

the Mirage. Judge Larry O'Connell of Britain scored it 116-115 for A fourth-place finish for Kankkunen still would help his bid for a fifth world title Chavez. Judge Anek Honafter his two main rivals selfgtongkam of Thailand had it 116-112 and Carol Castellano destructed on the second day. His Toyota team-mate Didier Auriol of France, the of the United States had it reigning world champin, rolled on stage 12 and was see, even though they say I'm

Carlos Sainz of Spain retired after he damaged the radiator. of his Subaru on stage nine. Auriol went into Rally Au

super lightweight title butt in the closing seconds of old and should retire, I can still do it in the ring," said the 33-year-old Chavez, "1'm still Julio Cesar Chavez of old."

Chavez survives to keep WBC

was not impressed. over the Kenyan and retain "Maybe he won two. rounds at the most," said Kamau, after suffering his per lightweight crown Saturfirst defeat in 27 fights. Fighting with a cut over his A questionable knock-

A disappointed Kamau

WBC super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico (left) mixes it up with David Kaman, of Kenya, during third round action on Saturday, at The Mirage in

LAS VEGAS (R) --- Julio

Cesar Chavez survived a

bruising 12-round hattle with

David-Kamau to score a

unanimous-decision victory

his World Boxing Council su-

left eyelid, a bloody nose and

trailing on one scorecard and

tied on a second after seven

rounds, the Mexican super-

star staged a furious com-

eback to escape with his 96th

win in 98 fights before a

festive pro-Chavez crowd on

Mexican independence day at

"I wanted everybody to

down of Kamau in the eighth round provided Chavez with a crucial 10-8 round on O'Connell's scorecard.

Kamau was counted down by referee Mills Lane when he hit the floor after a Chavez left jab struck him around the left shoulder. The television replays clearly showed that the challenger lost his footing on the wet canvas as be-was: preparing to throw a counter

punch. "I wasn't hurt," Kamau said. "He pushed me."
-Chavez was cut in the left eyelid by an accidental head

the first round. Chavez hitterly complained afterwards that the American referee had missed the infraction. "What bothered me the

most was that the referee did not interfere after the headbutt," said Chavez, who repeatedly wiped away the blood with his gloves.

In the seventh round Chavez had a bloody nose. from the harrage of Kamau's puncbes.

Chavez was unable to attend a post-fight news conference because he was taken to hospital for further examination of the cut over his left eye, his publicist Gladys

Kamau used bis four-inch (10 centimetre) height advantage and longer reach to keep Chavez away with a good left

The closing minute of the 11th round featured rousing

Amin Kawar & Sons Co.

Deep within lies

action as the two exchanged punishing blows. A Chavez straight right buckled the challenger's legs, but Kamau came back with his own flurry of shots.

Las Vegas. Chavez retained the title by decision in the 12

It was 10 years ago to the week that Chavez, now 96-1-1, won the first of his six world titles in four weight classes when he beat Mario Martinez for the WBC super featherweight crown. Chavez went on to win titles in the lightweight, super lightweight and junior welterweight divi-

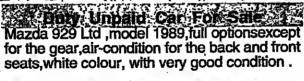
Earlier this week, Chavez, citing exhaustion and an assortment of nagging injuries had retreated from his goal of winning 100 fights to simply try to fight 100 times

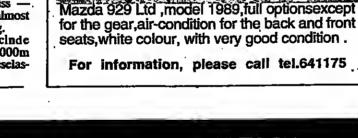
before considering retiring. Fight number 99 is scheduled against fellow Mexican champion Miguel Angel Gonzalez, the undefeated WBC lightweight champion,

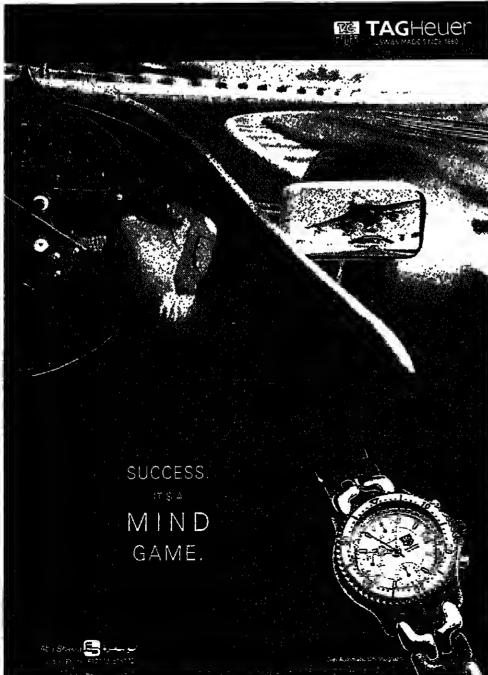
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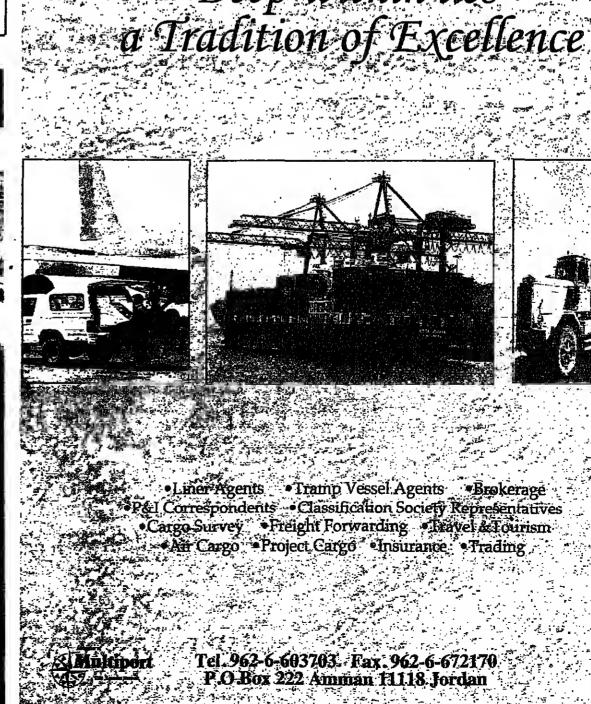
forced out of the event wbile

stralia with a one-point lead over Kankkunen and Sainz in the World Championship











Lumpur, Malaysia. The win came as a big boost to Al Ahli who will be facing tough opponents in

Group B includes Japan Energy, Kia Motor (South Korea). Sin Kee (Singapore). Punjab (India), and Petronas (Malaysia).

the top two teams in each group will meet in the final round. The winners will play for top two places and the losers for third and fourth

> poses first challenge sing sprint star Frankie Fredericks would compete in

in Cairo four years ago. Fredericks has insisted for several months that he was. not been to come here but. Games' organisers claimed they had been in touch with him this week and had con-

Even Fredericks' Namibian teammates were in the

"The whole team would really be boosted if Fredericks arrived but I have not heard anything," said fellow 200m sprinter Mberiuana Zepee.

Games' officials are still

a second class meeting.

smarting that nearly all the stars of African athletics have given the games a miss reducing the event to almost

Those missing include Ethiopia's world 5,000m champion Haile Gebreselas-

HARARE (Agencies) sie, Algeria's world 1,500m African swimming records tumbled as South Africa, champion Noureddine Morthe 200 metres Saturday all celi, both winners in the back in the continent's sport-ing fold, challenged North Africa's long domination of came to nothing. Tokyo meet, women's Officials announced on Fri-1,500m Olympic and world champion Hassiba Boulmerday that the Namibian runner would fly in from a meeting ka and women's Olympic But a doping scandal cast a shadow over South Africa's in Tokyo where be ran 20.11 10,000m champion Deratu in losing to world champion Tuln of Ethiopia. glory; with one of the team's Michael Johnson on Friday track and field stars testing evening. S. African athlete tests positive for a banned subst-They even set the heats positive back to Saturday afternoon South Africans broke three All forfeited Games records and one African record in to give Fredericks time to A champion long jumper recover from his gruelling from Sonth Africa was the first athlete to test positive swimming Saturday. Egypt But the heats came and for a banned substance at the broke two games records and Algeria and Zimbabwe broke All Africa Games Saturday, went without Fredericks, who won both the 100m and. but said she had taken a one apiece.
Officials said competition 200m All Africa Games titles stimulant unwittingly. Karen Botha, a veteran

at Zimbabwe's new \$10 million aquatic complex at Sintungwiza, 25 kilometres (16 miles) south of Harare, was heightened by the participation for the first time of South vinced him to run.

to compete after all-race elections ended apartheid in their country last year, spurred on the Algerians and Egyptians. Herman Louw of South Africa finished the men's 100-metre breast stroke 1:04.20, just beating the standing African record by an

Algerian of 1:04.41 and the previous games record of 1.04.95. South Africa also took gold medals in the 400-metre women's medley and the 4by-200 metre relay. Egypt won gold in the 100-metre vomen's freestyle. Algeria's Salem Iles set a new games record in the 200-metre

men's freestyle to win a gold. Swimming is not popular in most African countries, but it has been promoted in comparatively wealthy South Africa and Arab states.

The wealth that can nurture champions is concentrated among South Africa's white minority, and that was reflected in the fact that all the country's swimmers and most of its other athletes at the games were white.

Zimbabwe refuse to play in old kit

The Zaimbabwean men's volleyball team refused to play their first match in the All Africa Games on Saturday because they were ashamed to appear in old kit, the state news agency Ziana

The match in Bulawayo: was foreited and their opponents Cameroon were awarded three points.
"I appealed to them with-

out success," said the treasur-er of the Zimbabwe Volleyball Association, Love-more Moyo. "We can only push them to a certain ex-

Noyo acknowledged the team needed new kit. He said it was not clear if they would play their other scheduled

Ziana quoted Cameroon's head coach, Charles Ngandanana, as saying the Zimbabweans were using the kit issue as a pretext.

Probably they are a weak side and realised we were going to trounce them," he said.

Fredericks misses games Promises from All African

French

foreign

arrives

By P.V. Vivekanand Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - French Foreign

Minister Herve de Charette arrives here late Monday on a

24-hour visit for talks on the

Middle East peace process, the developments in Iraq and Franco-Jordanian relations, a

French embassy spokesman

said Sunday.
His Majesty King Hussein.
His Royal Highness Crown
Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker
and Foreign Minister Abdul
Karim Kabariti are expected
to hold talks with Mr. De
Charette.

The spokesman said Mr.

De Charette, on his first visit to the Middle East after join-

ing the cabinet formed by

President Jacques Chirac in

June, will also discuss the

situation in Bosnia-

Herzegovina in former

Another key issue for Mr.

De Charette's talks here will

be French participation in the

Middle East and North Afri-

ca (MENA) economic sum-

mit to be held in Amman

Oct. 29-31, the spokesman

the importance with which

France sees the summit and

will also announce the level

of French participation in the

summit," said the spokes-

The talks are also expected

to touch on economic coop-

eration and Jordan's bid to

secure debt relief from West-

ern creditors, including France, which holds about

\$600 million of the King-

dom's foreign debts. Negotia-tions are scheduled for later

this month on an agreement

under which France will offer

about \$70 million of the debts

for conversion into invest-

ments in Jordan under terms

favourable to investors.

One of the highlights of the visit of Mr. De Charette, who will arrive from Egypt and

will return home Tuesday

afternoon after a press con-

ference here, will be the sign-

ing of a new cultural agree-

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Mr. Zeroual, a 54-year-old

retired general, took np his

post in January 1994. He will

have to declare whether he is

The daily La Tribune re-

The minister will stress

said Sunday.

Charette.

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today

U.S. confident MENA conference will launch economic development

Spero says peace not yet perfect, but there is international interest in region

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The United States is confident that next month's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) summit in Amman will be the start of a tangible process that leads to the economic development of the region, with the public and private sectors joining a "partnership" for progress, a senior American official said Sunday.

Joan Spero, under-secretary of state for economic and business affairs, also said that despite the spurts of militant violence in the occupied territories and South Lebanon and the deadlock in Syrian-Israeli and Lebanese-Israeli tracks of peace talks, there were clear indications of interest among business leaders to take advantage of the business opportunities available in. the region after the Palestinians and Jordan made peace with Israel.

Ms. Spero was addressing a press conference after talks with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and the ministers of finance, planning and trade and industry on issues related to the Oct. 29-31 MENA



Joan Spero

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the Crown Prince, in his meeting with Ms. Spero, expressed hope that the summit would be a forum for exchange of views on investments and efforts to rehabilitate the economies of the Middle East.

General preparations for the summit, projects to be submitted at the forum and U.S.-Jordanian cooperation to ensure the success of the conference were the focus of the discussions that Sharif Zeid held with Ms. Spero, Petra said.

The American official, who described her talks here as a periodic exchange of views, told the press conference peace and stability were indeed among the key factors that influenced investment decisions, but that what has been achieved so far in the four-year-old Arab-Israeli peace process -- despite its hiccups — was "impressive."

think that it is no doubt that one of the deterrence historically to invest in the region is instability and conflict," in addition to state-dominated economies, she said.

However, although a comprehensive peace has not been achieved in the region as a result of the agreements between the Palestinians and Israel and the Jordan-Israeli peace treaty, "there is more receptivity and more interest by business executives" in

"I don't think that the Amman summit could have taken place before the peace process had reached some fruition between Israel and the Palestinians, and between, Israel and Jordan," she said.

"It is not perfect...it does not mean comprehensive peace in the region...but it is a very good start," said Ms. Spero, adding that the ex-pected level of participation at the summit by government and international business

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sadors Sunday took the oath of office before United Nations European Headquarters in the His Majesty King Hussein at a special ceremooy held at the Royal Court. The Ambassadors are Mohammad Kheir Muqbel, Jordan's Libya and Samir Masarweh, ambassador to dors are Mohammad Kheir Muqbel, Jordan's Italy. The ceremony was attended by Royal ambassador to Algeria, Mohammad Amin Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, and Foreign Shabinkri, ambassador to Sudan, Mohammad Minister Abdul Karim Al Kabariti. Ali Qudah, ambassador to Oman, Abdullah

PLO does not want Libyan expulsions on league agenda

CAIRO (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said on Sunday it does not want the issue of Libyan expulsions of Palestinians put before the Arab League in its session this week.

"We prefer to have this problem solved through direct diplomatic contacts rather than in noisy meetings," the PLO's representative to the league, Moham-mad Sobeih, told AFP.

Mr. Sobeih said the issue of Palestinian refugees in general was permanently on the league agenda and would be discussed at the 104th session of the league council of foreign ministers, to be held in Cairo on Wednesday. "I don't rule out that bi- or

trilateral meetings might take place between league officials, Palestinians and Libyans on the sidelines of the session," Mr. Sobeih said.

League Secretary General Esmat Abdul Meguid has in-vited the head of the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UN-RWA) to open the session after a Palestinian request," Dr. Abdul Meguid's spokesman Talaat Hamed said. Ilter Turkman would "pre-

sent a full report on the status of UNRWA and of the Palestinian refugees," Mr. Hamed said. UNRWA headquarters in Vienna have not

ALGIERS (AFP) — Fifteen

villagers, half of them women

and children, had their

throats slit by an armed com-

mando in the latest of a series

of savage attacks ahead of

presidential elections, the

daily Al Watan reported Sun-

The report said other resi-

dents were forced to watch

the massacre before the guer-

rillas destroyed part of the

village of Boukrane, a repu-

ted fundamentalist stron-

An unidentified comman-

do of about 50 men armed

with Kalashnikovs, hunting

rifles and automatic pistols

entered the isolated village

ghold.

At least 150 Palestinians are stranded on the Libyan-Egyptian border after Tripoli ejected them. An UNRWA official in Cairo said most of them had been living in "appalling conditions" for

UNRWA was waiting for permission from Egyptians to cross into no man's land to provide them food, water and medical aid, the official said.

Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi began deporting Palestinians in early September in a bid to show up the "failure" of the self-rule deal between Israel and the PLO.

The flow of Palestinians out of Libya has tapered off in the past two days after intense Arab pressure on Tripoli. But Libya has not said it will accept back the depor-

Egyptian border officials said Jordan has refused entry to 20 Palestinians thrown out of Libya, forcing their return to the Libyan-Egyptian ber-

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Cairo said it was waiting for permission from Egypt to deliver aid to the stranded Palestinians, whom it said remained in

'appalling' conditions.
The 20, thrown out of Libya on Friday, crossed Egyptian territory in three minibuses to the Red Sea sail to Jordan, a border official told AFP. Amman refused them entry on Saturday because they held residency papers for the

Gaza Strip. Egyptian authorites ordered them to return to Libya, the official said.

In Jordan, officials had no comment on this particular case, but said Amman would not allow Palestinians to enter who did not have Jorda-

nians passports.
The Palestinians went to Cairo, where they appealed to the Palestinian "embassy" to help them gain entry to Gaza or Jordan, the official Egyptian news agency MENA said.

Mr. Sobeih denied that the 20 had been to the bureau but confirmed that they had been expelled by Libya and refused entry to Jordan.

But the border official told

AFP that Palestinian officials told the group to return to

Libya, saying contacts were being made for their entry. Minibuses carrying the 20 Palestinians returned to the Salloum border post on Sun-day, officials there added. Meanwhile, soldiers from

the Egyptian army began supplying food and water to the Palestinians already caught in no-man's land be-tween Egypt and Libya, anotther border official said. Many of the stranded have been camped ont on the bor-

der for over two weeks. (Continued on page 7)

minister Observation post

to track China's lake monster

BELIING (AFP) - The mystery of China's 'Lake Tianchi monster' may soon be solved following construction of an observation post to try to identify the creature. The post, installed jointly by the Lake Monster Research Society and a local television station, will. be manned by experienced photographers, said the China Daily. The monster of Lake Tianchi in the Chang-Mountains, Jilin province, northeast China, has been seen dozens of times by local people and tourists since the end of the 19th century. But like the legendary Loch Ness beasi in Scotland no-one has been able to firmly identify it. The most recent aighting was by Beijing and Taiwanese tourists who reported seeing its head above water on July 14. Last year it was spotted three times. variously Witnesses described it looking like a dinosaur, a giant buffalo or a hnge iron pot. The Lake Monster Research Society has offered 10,000 yuan (\$1,500) to anyone who

the monster. **Unscheduled swim** undoes clumsy burglar

succeeds in photographing

WELLINGTON (R) -Police in the New Zealand city of Christchurch made their easiest arrest of the year after a burglar left his name and address at the scene of the crime. Senior Sergeant Peter Reid said the burglar was discovered in a house garage by the owner of the property. In his haste to escape, the man fell into a nearby swimming pool. Before be could be caught, he climbed out of the pool and over a fence and ran down the road soaking wet. However, a police sniffer dog found the man's wallet which contained his name and address, lying nearby. He was arrested and will appear in court on charges of breaking and entry.

Welsh border terrier inherits \$77,500 from owner

LONDON (R) — A Welsh border terrier was £50,000 (\$77,500) richer after her owner named her as one of the chief beneficiaries in his will. Widower John Jones of Gloncestershire, southern England, who died in January at the age of 89, left the money to his pet terrier Whisp so that she would be cared for after he was gone. "I expect she'll start getting expensive tastes now. She'll be able to afford to go for walks in taxis," Jones's nephew Peter Hickman said. Jones stipulated in his will that the money should be used to find a suitable home for the dog and provide her with food and med-

Brown dwarfs exist in space, astronomers say

ical care.

LONDON (R) — Spanish astronomers have made the first discovery of a brown dwarf, a class of space object somewhere between a star and a giant planet, the weekly Nature magazine said. The brown dwarf has been named Teide 1 and is situated in the Pleiades Cluster of stars, located around 400 light years away and estimated to be 100 million years old. Astronomers have long predicted the existence of brown dwarfs. also called failed stars. They are star-like objects not quite large enough to support the thermo-nuclear ignition that would enable them to shine like stars.

U.N. official in Iraq to verify germ data

dad on Sunday for talks to clear doubts about Iraq's past germ warfare programme.

There are some uncertainties left. We have to verify the information provided to us... most important is to verify the destruction of all equipments and agents, Charles Duelfer, deputy chairman of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM), told reporters on arrival.

Iraq made startling reveelations about its weapons programmes last month, particularly about its biological weapons. It admitted for the first time to producing 200 biological warheads and additional agents beyond what was previously disclosed.

U.N. experts are analysing enormous amounts of documents provided by Iraq following the defection to Jordan last month of Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel, the brain behind Baghdad's military industries.

Iraq said it destroyed all its biological weapons and related equipment voluntarily prior to the outbreak of the 1991 Gulf war over Kuwait. Mr. Duelfer said the aim of his four-day visit was to try to make some progress before

UNSCOM submitted its six-

monthly report to the U.N. Security Council on Oct. 11. But he said he did not believe Iraq would get a clean bill of health on the destruction of its weapons of mass

BAGHDAD (Agencies) —
A senior United Nations arms official arrived in Bagh
information it had newly provided — about 650,000 pages — needed time and effort to analyse.
"There is enormous con-

cern" that equipment for making biological weapons is destroyed, Mr. Duelfer said. "There are some uncer-tainties to lift," he told repor-

He said he would also discuss Iraq's nuclear and chemical weapons programmes as well as its long-range ballistic missiles — all banned by U.N. resolutions ending the 1991 Gulf war to free Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.

"We will cover all but we will focus on the biological

area," he said. Mr. Duelfer said he would begin his talks later Sunday with General Amer Rasheed, Iraq's oil minister who has headed the Military Industrial Organisation since Gen. Kamel defected.

Baghdad must eliminate its weapons of mass destruction before the United Nations will ease the sanctions imposed on Iraq after it invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

The chairman of UN-SCOM, Rolf Ekeus, is due to visit Baghdad in about two weeks, Mr. Duelfe said.

At a regular review in September, the Security Council kept the sanctions after Iraq admitted having developed a powerful germ warfare programme, including loading 160 bombs and 25 warheads with biological destruction in October as the agents in December 1990.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Libyans in Baghdad to recruit teachers

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Libyan officials have signed deals

here to recruit Iraqi teachers for schools and universities at

home, in t first such agreement with Iraq, a Libyan

diplomat said Sunday. The delegation has signed contracts for the 1995-1996 academic year since they arrived 10 days

ago, the diplomat said, requesting anonymity. Iraqi teachers have been recruited individually since the U.N.

Security Council slapped an economic embargo on Bagh-

dad after it occupied Kuwait in August 1990. Some have

also been recruited by schools and universities in Yemen.

The diplomat said Libyan universities need professors.

Libya has in recent days expelled thousands of Palestinians

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran has criticised Britain for med-

dling in talks between Tehran and the European Union

(EU) on the fate of threatened author Salman Rushdie, the

Iran News said Sunday. Iran refused last week at a meeting

in Madrid of the EU troika - France, Spain and Italy - to

commit in writing not to support or take any action to harm

the British author, who is under an Iranian death sentence

for blasphemy. Tehran's refusal to give the written pledge,

as demanded by the EU, is "unacceptable," a British

Foreign Office spokesman said Tuesday, adding that EU

officials would meet shortly to draft a "clear message" to

the Islamic republic.

iran criticises Britain over Rushdie

Baghdad publishes defector's letter to

Baghdad's state-controlled newspapers ran a copy of a letter which they said showed there was no truth to General Kamel's assertion since his defection last month that he had opposed government policy when in Iraq.

"Dear sir. It is not important that the sanctions be

shows a low standard of education as it had several grammatical and spelling mis-

rose to the most senior position in Iraq after President Saddam, was a dropout with

The mastermind . of Iraq's military and civilian industries, he and his brother Saddam Kamel, President Saddam's chief bodyguard, fled Iraq accompanied by their wives who are daughters of President Saddam.

"My kisses to you sir. We are your small children under alert all the time and for anything... my dear sir, my great. sir. said the letter. "Oh dear sir. you are our great bonour and glory. You are the tent whose shade is the only thing we have." the

Saddam

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq published a letter on Sunday which it said was written by defector General Hussein Kamel, showing him up as a poorly-educated sycophant.

The letter, addressed to father-in-law President Saddam Hussein, was dated Oct. I3, 1994 when Iraq withdrew the forces it massed close to Kuwait's borders after a huge counter build-up by United States and its allies in the

lifted. No by God. What is important is to see the world mentioning your name everyday," Gen. Hussein Kamel said in the letter.

"Our hope is being materialised. May God be with you sir and our souls are nothing before your excellency," the letter said.

Read in full on television. the letter is the latest attempt by Iraq to discredit Gen. Kamel Hussein who has knowledge of the country's secret weapons programme. "Any neutral observer does not need further evi-

dence to understand his (Kamel's) reality as a charlatan and not as he tried to depict himself as if he represented a different lobby other than that of the state, the regime and its leadership," a television commentator said. The hand-written letter

Gen. Kamel, who quickly

only a primary school educa-

confirmed that Mr. Turkman port of Nuweibeh in order to would attend.

Public massacre reported in Algeria appeared, they took revenge on their families instead.

homes with a bulldozer and set fire to the town hall, hours later.

Nov. 16 which the armed Islamic groups have vowed to prevent ever taking place.

near Lakhdaria, 70 kilometres southeast of the capital, late Thursday. They gathered the villagers together and called out certain names, but when only four of those on their list

Four children, two under

six, and seven women were among the victims killed as the armed men "ordered the other villagers to watch the Then they destroyed 10

shops and vehicles before quitting the village some four. The attack came amid fundamentalist opposition to presidential elections due on

Algerian President Liamine Zeroual this

weekend denounced their violence as a "vain threat" which would not stop the election going ahead (see military-backed government annulled elections which the now-outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was poised More than 30,000 people

Algeria has been racked by

unrest since 1992 when the

have been killed in the continuing bloodshed. On Saturday Mr. Zeroual signed a decree enabling the some 12.6 million electors to

vote and he insisted that the

administration would remain neutral. However, he has still not declared whether he himself will stand. Many say he will do so eventually and if he does, he would be the favourite ahead of the 16

declared candidates so far. The fact that many opposition parties, including the FIS, have refused to take part will also help him. They have also called on people to

ported that "there is no lon-ger any doubt" Mr. Zeroual will announce his candidacy after a meeting Tnesday with military chiefs. "A consensus have been

standing by Oct. 2.

boycott the poll.

achieved - with difficulty according to some - on Liamine Zeronal (standing)," it added. Meanwhile, security forces

have dismantled a number of bomb-making networks in Sidi Moussa, where a lorry carrying 500 kilos of explosives was stopped, in Oran in western Algeria and in the fundamentalist Encalyptus quarter of the capital, according to media reports.

Khartoum to try student protesters

KHARTOUM (AFP) — Sudan said on Sunday it would put on trial a number of students who took part in violent anti-government demonstrations which left at least three dead last week.

"All students arrested during the demonstrations have been released, including those against whom there is proof of their participating in riots." Police Commissioner Abdul Moneim Sayed Suleiman said.

But the latter "will be prosecuted," General Suleiman said, quoted by the daily Akhbar Al Youm. Gen. Suleiman did not spe-

cify the number of students who would be put on trial. Security forces arrested up to 500 people, including 270 students, in Khartoum and other cities during the wave of protests that erupted on Monday, the Sudanese Human Rights Organisation (SHRO) said.

Gen. Suleiman, who did not give a total number of arrests, confirmed a SHRO report that Ethiopians and rounded up by police. Sudan has accused Addis Ababa and Esmara, as well as local communists, of stir-

ring up students into rioting. Eritrea has broken diplomatic ries with Sudan. while Khartoum's relations with Addis Ababa have soured since Ethiopia accused it of backing a June 26 artempt to kill Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on its

"Conditions in the capital and the rest of the country are quite stable and there is nothing that disturbs security," the police chief said, noting that final exams were now underway at universities where protests began.

Gen. Suleiman praised the performance of his corps. saying police "intervened decisively and resolutely" when demonstrations turned into nots due to "non-student elements, like street boys and others.

The official death toll from the unrest stood at three. while opposition parties said six were killed in the demonstrations which started after police arrested three students from Khartoum University.

The Sudanese bar association was to meet Sunday to look into the situation of lawyers arrested during the troubles, Akhbar Al Youm The bar was "concerned

with proper application of the

law" in the arrests, bar mem-

ber Ali Ahmad Nasri told the

But the association "would not hesitate to lift immunity from any member proved to have participated in activities contrary to the laws of the state," said Mr. Nasri, who

also is head of the SHRO. Authorities said on Saturday they would soon release two leading leftist lawyers. Mustapha Abdul Qadir and Ali Ahmad Al Sayed, who were arrested during the pro-

Kenyan authorities have tion figure in Nairobi but a said.

second threatened with deportation to Sudan is missing, the opposition Umma Party said Sunday.

Police on Saturday released Faisal Mustapha, a member of the National Unionist Party, after discovering he had a Zimbabwean passport, said Umma spokesman Abbas Al Faki in Cairo. But Bashir Ahmad Sol-

man, head of the Umma office in Nairobi, who also had political asylum in Kenya, remained in custody and "we don't know where he is now," Mr. Faki said.

The two were arrested during dawn raids on their homes in the Kenyan capital and were then held in a cell at the airport, said another Umma official, Abdullah Al Mahdi,

The arrests took place "in conspiracy with the Sudanese embassy in Nairobi under the direct supervision of the head of Sudan's foreign security. General Mohammad Ahmad Al Dabi, currently in released a Sudanese opposi- Kenya." an Umma statement